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Two French destroyers left Saigon yesterday. These departures, along with the Thai-Indo-China armistice, are causing speculation in connection with the future of the region.

Hongkong News of the Week

A Page For The Evacuees

Monday

February 17

Farewell to Colleagues. Mr R. H. E. Marks, Assistant Superintendent of Police, and Inspector S. Shephard, who are due to leave for Australia on retirement shortly, were given a farewell party at the Police Recreation Club to-night.

Inspector Post, Chairman of the Club, called on the Police Commissioner, Hon. Mr C. G. Perdue, to present mementos to the guests.

The evening was marked by a most successful concert, the artists being mainly members of the Force. Among those who contributed items were Mr Marks, Mr A. Spary, Col. Edmunds, Sgt Reynolds, Sgt Billingham, Sgt Jenner, Sgt Renfro, P. O. Edge, Sgt Hayward, Sgt Renfro, Mr Doherty and the Great Marvino. The latter, who assisted by Sgt Renfro, entertained the gathering with an exhibition of legendariness of his customary high standard.

Master of Ceremonies for the night was Sgt Billingham.

Big Increase in Dysentery. The heavy increase in the number of cases of dysentery reported in the Colony last week is attributed by the authorities to bad food plus improper cooking due to the prohibitive cost of firewood it is understood.

According to the returns of the Medical Department, the number of cases of dysentery on Thursday was 23, compared with only two the previous day, and the figure for Friday was 12.

It was stated to-day that at present the price of firewood is about the same as that of rice before the war. At that time one dollar would buy 20 catties of rice, while in the Colony at present one dollar buys only 22 catties of firewood.

Malayan Report. Chinese reports say that Japanese naval bases in Malayan Island have just been completed after twenty months of work. They are Yulung in the south, Chinglan in the east, and Hainan in the west. These include aerodromes, hangars, work shops and oil installations. Some of the barracks have been modernised.

Mr Anderson is also an officer in the H.K.V.D.C.

Appearing for the defence in a shop-lifting case on Saturday, Mr Percy Chen took the opportunity to express, on behalf of himself and his colleagues, regret at the departure of Mr Himsforth.

Replying, his Worship said that he regretted having to leave the Court but circumstances did not allow him to remain. He expressed thanks to barristers and solicitors for their kind help in the past and for their good wishes.

Mother Mary Motta.—The death occurred at 3 a.m. to-day of Mother Mary Motta, at the age of 38. She passed away at St Francis Hospital, Wanchai, after a long illness.

Mother Motta was a member of the Staff of St. Mary's School, and had been in the Colony for ten years. She was held in the greatest affection by all who knew her.

Successful A.R.P. Test.—Testing of the duct ventilation system in the A.R.P. tunnels opposite the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Building this morning was very satisfactory, but the tests could not be completed owing to a misunderstanding with the coolies.

"The system of ventilation worked very well indeed," said Mr B. H. Puckle, Deputy Director of A.R.P., "and very good results were recorded; but the objects of the tests were to compare two different methods of ventilation. We cannot say which is the best until we have carried out the second test. A certain number of Europeans were in the worst part of the tunnel, and appeared none the worse after the test."

About 1,500 coolies were used in the test, which lasted about two and a half hours. The exhaust fan system of ventilation will be tested to-morrow.

Farewell Presentation.—Colleagues and friends of Inspector Sney Shephard, Divisional Inspector, South, presented him with a silver watch of a junk and a gold Rolex watch at the Water Police Station, as a memento on the occasion of his retirement from the Hongkong Police Force after 20 years' service.

The presentation was made by Sub-Inspector Olivier, the new officer in charge, Water Police, and Inspector Shephard expressed a few words of appreciation and thanks.

A native of Acton, Inspector Shephard saw service with the Coldstream Guards in the last war. He was demobilised in 1920, and in October of that year joined the Hongkong Police.

Lawn Bowls.—Playing on Kowloon Cricket Club's green to-day, the home team were beaten in a friendly return game of lawn bowls by a team from Lane Crawford, 44-47. Scores were:

S. Carr, G. Tanner, A. B. Hamson, and E. C. Fincher (L.C.) beat H. Brokenshire, S. A. Gray, R. B. Wellwood, and J. Fraser 10-15.

H. Burson, T. H. Edgar, H. W. Randall and A. W. Brown (L.C.) lost to A. E. P. Guest, R. G. Burch, A. Steven and V. C. Labrum 10-20.

W. C. Ogley, J. W. Bertram, J. H. S. Duncan and W. W. Parson (L.C.) beat D. Hung, F. Zimmerman, L. Jack and T. A. Mader 10-12.

to accommodate German technical experts and military advisers.

All the bases are improvised constructions, as military experts here pointed out that no big naval base can be constructed in two years. This view takes into consideration Japanese shortage of war materials, steel and iron and the distance between Japan and Hainan. The docks there are large enough to accommodate light destroyers and light cruisers and are fit for minor repairs and overhauling.

While Chinese reports state that the Japanese strength on the island has been increased to 100,000, this is believed to be an exaggeration. The latest report states that there were one division and one brigade there, aggregating about 30,000 officers and men at most. These soldiers are being taught to become paratroopers, instructed by the German experts.

Golf. The finals of the Stubbs Shield and G. M. Young Cup were played recently and resulted as follows:

Stubbs Shield.—P.W.D. (D. S. Edwards 4 and C. W. E. Bishop 13) beat 5th A.A. Regt. R.A. (T. A. Pearce 3 and J. D. Clague 8) by one hole.

G. M. Young Cup.—Hongkong and Shanghai Bank beat Butterfield and Swire.

In the second competition for the S. C. M. Post Bomber Fund, Major K. S. Simpson (20) and Capt. A. C. F. Drew Wilkinson (15) tied with scores of 5 up. They will play off.

There were 24 entries in the Badminton University A. defeated Reclero 9-0, in the A division of the badminton league to-night.

T. K. Hui and H. F. Chiu beat M. A. Oliveira and A. M. Rodrigues 21-12; beat J. J. Remedios and H. F. Goncalves 21-7; beat L. A. Carvalho and A. M. Silva 23-22.

K. W. Choy and C. K. Lee beat Oliveira and Rodrigues 21-12; beat Remedios and Goncalves 21-10; beat Carvalho and Silva 21-10.

M. S. Lim and S. F. Yung beat Oliveira and Rodrigues 21-10; beat Remedios and Goncalves 21-2; beat Carvalho and Silva 21-10.

Golf Results. The following were the third round results in the Royal Hongkong Golf Club Captain's Cup, 1940, competition:

T. McGarry (9) beat W. S. Hillier (1) six and four; T. Low (12) beat J. Linaker (15) five and four; F. A. Howard (17) beat A. B. Purves (10) five and four; G. M. Park (7) beat H. Overy (10) seven and six.

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Two games were Royal Scots A and B versus Police B and Club A. Played under difficult conditions on a rain-soaked ground, the Royal Scots defeated the Police B and Club A by 13-0. The game proved ding-dong with honours fairly even. The try was scored by the Sappers right-wing three near the touch line, resulting from a good movement and was well deserved.

The second half was played under much worse conditions and the ball became very difficult to handle with any degree of accuracy.

The handling of the Sapper outside was superior, but Middlesex forwards were better in the light.

Firewood Problem. The price of firewood in the Colony is fluctuating daily, and is at the present time slightly higher than about a week ago, when 23 catties could be bought for \$1. To-day, the amount obtainable for \$1 varied between 20 and 21 catties.

The chief cause of the increase is a shortage of firewood supplies, and the matter is at present receiving the closest attention of Government who are taking very active steps to relieve the whole situation.

The Sino-Japanese conflict has affected shipments of wood cargo to Hongkong from several centres in China, and has also resulted in the stoppage of supplies from Wuchow which previously sent to Hongkong most of the wood needed here.

Firewood is obtainable from Singapore and Sandakan, and it was learned that steps have already been undertaken to facilitate shipments from the former port. On Saturday 1,000 tons of wood from Singapore and Penang was discharged here, and information indicates that another 10,000 piculs is due shortly.

Review Of

The

Principal

Topics

February 16

To Feb. 22

Wednesday

February 19

Record Prices For Firewood. The price of firewood has further increased, and to-day only 17 catties could be bought for a dollar. On Monday the price fluctuated between 18 and 19 catties, while no change was recorded on Tuesday.

It is understood that Government is importing firewood in order to relieve the acute situation, and that a shipload is expected to arrive within the next week.

To-day's quotation constituted a record in the price of this essential fuel.

Firewood from old railway sleepers is being offered for sale in many shops in Hongkong and Kowloon. The sleepers are approximately 5½ feet by one foot and weigh about 22 to 23 catties. They are cut up in convenient lengths and sold at 22 catties to the dollar.

These sleepers which number hundreds of thousands were originally ordered by the Chinese Government for extension of their railway line in the interior, but owing to disruption of transport by the Japanese invasion, they have been stored in Hongkong since their arrival here two years ago.

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Ladies Hockey Association. As the Hongkong Ladies Hockey Association had never left so secure financially, the Chairman expressed the opinion, at the annual meeting to-night, that this was the time for a generous gesture on their part, and suggested that \$400 be donated to the South China Morning Post Bomber Fund. The proposal was carried unanimously.

The meeting was under the chairmanship of Miss E. M. Gray, who said: Six teams competed in the senior league, Y.M.C.A. winning the Caer Clarke Cup for the fourth year in succession, and St. Andrew's being runners-up for the Southern Cup. In the junior league in Argonauts, winning the Brawn Cup and D. G. S. taking second position for the Mamuk Cup.

The annual seven-a-side tournament resulted in the Pearce Cup being won by C. E. A., and the Knill Cup by Argonauts. Special mention should be made of the splendid effort on the part of the Argonauts, who, in their first year of competitive hockey won both the Brawn and Knill Cups.

Miss Gray explained how it was she was taking the Chair although she was not on the Council. With the resignation of Mrs T. E. Pearce, the office of President had been left vacant, and she had been asked to act for the remaining portion of the season.

The accounts showed a healthy balance, with cash-in bank amounting to \$1,455.04.

Officers Elected. Miss Gray proposed that the office of President be left vacant until conditions were more normal. The proposal was passed unanimously.

Officers elected were: Vice-President, Miss E. M. Gray; Secretary and Treasurer, Miss R. Smith; Council—Misses M. Bennett, A. Alves (Secretary); Mrs O. Burnett; Miss M. McGowan (M.C.A.); Misses M. Smalley, M. Booker (Hongkong); Mrs I. Joyce, Miss P. Baxter (C.B.A.); Misses F. Wong, G. White (St. Andrew's); Misses E. Churn, V. Jex (D.G.S.); Mrs C. Fliegerd, Mrs M. Maxwell (Argonauts).

It was decided to let the Caer Clarke Cup competition lapse this year, but to continue the seven-a-side tournament. In these games the one Club that did not have seven players (Y.M.C.A.) would be adopted by other clubs. The Chairman also proposed that the Tournament be used to raise money for the Bomber Fund.

It was decided that clubs contribute their usual annual subscriptions for membership fees.

The question of the safety of the Association's challenge cups was discussed and it was decided that the cups be stored with the shield, in the bank.

It was decided that the Association should compete for the Pearce Cup and Knill Cup this year.

Colony Census. A census of the population will be taken between 7 p.m. on March 7 to 10, said Mr B. H. Puckle, Deputy Director of A.R.P., at a Press conference to-day. Almost the entire A.R.P. force, comprising 2,400 wardens in Hongkong and 1,100 wardens in Kowloon, will be engaged upon this gigantic task.

The only information that the A.R.P. will require is the age and nationality of the occupants of premises. It is stressed that the sole object of the census is to find out what shelter accommodation must be provided in each district and also how food must be distributed in case of emergency.

Mr Puckle expressed the hope that the population will assist and co-operate in this respect.

Auxiliary Nurses. Since the last published list the following members of the Auxiliary Nursing Service, under complete 90-hour hospital training in the wards and gained the proficiency certificate.

Sarah Abdullah, Ena Alves, Stella Bander, Sheila Baskett, Enid Beeken, Margaret Clark, Elizabeth Davies, Hilda Greaves, Winifred Geismar, Ruth Helberg, Sister St. George, Helen Hawkins, Sister Jean de Eucharista, Nina Kamilova, Kwan Wai-ying, Rose Losby, Dora Lancaster, Mary Ann Mackenzie, Marjorie Mehl, Ellen Monks, Winifred Margaret, Leslie Puckle, Edna Pockson, Margit Peterson, Sister St. Phillip, Doris Rocha, Margaret Smith, Maud Smith, Sister St. Stephen, Lucy Sumard, Anna Tanner, Sister Theresa, Guillaumina Van der Laan, Valentine Vazouff, North Wentworth, Naomi Walton Smith.

Thursday

February 20

Budget Debate. Outspoken criticisms of Government Administration in general and the conduct of several departments in particular were made by Unofficial Members of the Legislative Council to-day when a debate on the Budget introduced by the Financial Secretary (the Hon. Mr H. R. Butters) on January 10 was held.

His Excellency the Acting Governor, Lieut-General E. P. Norton, was unable to preside at the meeting owing to an injury sustained while walking in the country on the previous day, and his place was taken by the Colonial Secretary (the Hon. Mr N. L. Smith).

The Hon. Mr J. J. Paterson, Senior Unofficial Member, asked how not one Civil Servant was ever dismissed for inefficiency, although the conduct of some of Government's affairs was bad. Referring to the evacuation, he said that all three parties to it had behaved badly—the Colonial Government, the Home Government and some of the evacuees, who continued to complain.

The need for the overhauling of the Government system was stressed by the Hon. Mr S. H. Dodwell, who emphasised the extreme seriousness of the many adverse reports and complaints which far too many members of the public had brought. On the question of taxation, he said that, compared with Home, the Colony was ridiculously lightly taxed, but he was not in favour of increasing taxation on the low level incomes in view of the excessive rise in the cost of living.

A strong attack against the administration of the War Revenue Ordinance, the Immigration Office and the Food Controller, was made by the Hon. Mr K. K. Lo, who appealed for more civility by civil servants in the performance of their duties. He also opposed the proposed revision of the principles under which war taxation was based, pointing out that it was fundamentally opposite to that taken by Government when the Bill was introduced.

Perhaps the most outspoken comment against the Government came from the Hon. Mr Leo D'Almada, who urged it to emulate the dictators in one regard, and that was to take measures to purge its ranks. The Hon. Mr D'Almada also spoke of racial distinction in Government employment, and said that if the liberal laws were not so strict the correspondence columns of the newspapers would be full of the most interesting disclosures and revelations.

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Saturday

February 22

Football Results. Results in the week-end Shield and League matches were as follows:

Quips By "Argus"

With Acknowledgments

A study of lightning shows that it prefers striking females. Blondes?

Now the great question is whether threes or sevens are luckier on a heavy track.

Everybody seems to be excited about Hongkong except Hongkong. Maybe it's felly to be wise.

Headline in an American paper: Governor To Stay. Home, Nurse Cold.

I see that a Japanese detachment was "heavily decimated." Possibly one of those recurring decimals.

Germany is now building vest pocket submarines. Well, we can retaliate with safety razor blade lin-openers.

A gang has stolen seven tricycles. You know my methods Watson: they're truck drivers performing a public service.

"There is bound to be a little confusion with owners on account of the postponement of the opening day of the Annual Race Meeting. Owners who had intended sending their nominations to the Trial Plate, have now decided to put them out in a shorter race or else scratch them altogether."

Confusion is a little infectious.

Senior Shield, Second Round

St Joseph's	2	Sing Tao	0
Kwong Wah	1	Eastern	2
Police	2	South China	4
Royal Scots	1	Royal Navy	2

Junior Shield, Second Round

Sing Tao "B"	1	30th R.A.	0
Royal Navy	3	International	2
S.C.C.	4	Royal Signals	0
Police	1	South China	3

First Division

Kowloon	1	Club	3
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Second Division

R.A.O.C.	2	Kwong Wah	2
Kit Chee	2	R. Engineers	3
Club	2	Kowloon	2
Royal Scots	2	Middlesex	8

Third Division

24th R.A.	5	A.S.A.	0
35th R.A.	3	R.A.F.	2

Hemingway Here. "No, I do not think Franco will join the Axis as an active participant in the war. Franco is more valuable to the Axis as a neutral," said Mr Ernest Hemingway, famous American war correspondent, and author in an interview on his arrival at Hongkong to-day. He declined to discuss the Far Eastern crisis.

Mr Hemingway, who expects to stay about a fortnight in Hongkong, is making a tour of the Far East, as correspondent for the New York newspaper P. M. He is accompanied by his beautiful blond wife, the former Martha Gellhorn, most glamorous of American foreign correspondents who has come to the Far East for Collier's weekly magazine. They were married in December.

Immigration Officer. It is announced in the Government Gazette that Mr Eric Himsforth has been appointed Deputy Immigration Officer, with effect from February 15.

Mr Taggart Leaves. Mr J. H. Taggart, Managing Director of the Hongkong & Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., was among the passengers who left the Colony to-day on board the President Coolidge for the United States.

Mr Taggart, who has been in bad health, will join his wife in California. His future plans are uncertain but it is understood he will be away from Hongkong indefinitely.

More than 400 passengers left Hongkong for the United States by the same liner yesterday. The agents, the American President Lines, stated that the number who embarked at Hongkong was not unusual.

Defence Reserve. The following persons have been permitted to quit the Hongkong Defence Reserve, with effect from February 20:

Mr W. A. Hawkes and Mr J. C. Monhnick.

Mr V. A. Perkins has been enrolled in the Combined Group of the Hongkong Defence Reserve, and Mr M. D. Watson has been enrolled in the Key Post Group as from February 20.

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MATSUOKA'S OFFER

MR Matsuoka, Japan's Foreign Minister, is reported to have offered to do anything in the Far East that would serve to restore a feeling of security. That is a most interesting proposition. Giving Mr Matsuoka the credit for being an honourable man is not possible, that his advisers, strongly coloured by Naziism, are anxious to lull the Far East into a false sense of safety? That while we were listening to soft cooings from Tokyo, this end of the Axis would be arming to the teeth to strike at a more opportune time? Mr Matsuoka does not have to ask us

what he should do to restore harmony. As regards Britain, he should withdraw his army, navy and air force from Indo-China where they have no good reason to be; he should cease being the willing tool of our greatest enemy, putting the defensive here because he has admitted thousands of German sailors and military and naval experts to his shores, and to his councils, in circumstances that have raised legitimate suspicion of Japanese complicity in raiding warfare at sea and in army tactics on our borders. The Netherlands, Philippines and China can look after themselves and we shall be behind them because, selfish as it may sound, their interests have been tied up with ours almost irrevocably by Japanese actions and statements.

How can we agree that their southward expansion is peaceful and economic when Tokyo statesmen invariably add the postscript that if their peaceful aims are not successful, they will prosecute them with arms? Such a policy is that of a gangster approaching a Policeman with the words, "I will not shoot if you hand over your revolver and let me take over your beat. I want to look after my friends and get a little something on the side for myself."

If there is anything sincere about Japanese policy it is dislike of a war with Britain and America. We should appreciate that but for the certain fact that when she is prepared and when the advance starts, her military leaders will not hesitate to send the Japanese people into the conflict again if resistance is met.

Japan is somewhat like the good boy who strolled out of the family councils and finding easy-going weaker friend, fell to bullying. The little boy was not disciplined; in fact he managed to wrest some childish spoils which stimulated a latent invidious streak. He strayed more often and took some beatings from his victims but then he fell among bad companions who played upon his indecision—whether to stay on the streets at night or go home to his own home and a regular, if small, wage.

It's the old story of law versus the lawless but nowadays every citizen belongs to the vigilantes. Japan will not be told; the democracies will not be cowed.



RALPH INGERSOLL

INGERSOLL: Ex-Ambassador Kennedy, you know, is talking on the radio to-night. Did you have any chance to know him when you were in London? Did you have any business with him? Did you and the other American correspondents there interest yourselves at all in how this country was being represented in London?

ROBERTSON: Yes, we did. We had a constant business with him. We saw him on many occasions. In fact, to the American correspondents, how well we were represented was one of the most important questions we felt we had to answer. You know, London in the midst of the war is a small town and everybody knows everybody else, especially those who are in the city. We were in particularly close contact with the Ambassador because we were all aliens in a country that was at war and every step we took had to be taken through the Ambassador. We were in and out of his office every day on some business or other. All of us.

INGERSOLL: As I recall, you also got to know the men who were fighting the Nazis pretty well too—the active members of the British Government, men who were shooting down Messerschmitts, hunting raiders and submarines. Do you think they could have concealed their real opinions from you?

ROBERTSON: No, certainly not. If you go through a crisis with people there is sure to come a time when you stop talking for the record and making diplomatic speeches and say what you really think.

INGERSOLL: Possibly you even asked such an indiscreet question as "What do you think of the American Ambassador in London?" sometime or other?

ROBERTSON: Yes, that is true. They told us what Kennedy had said to them. In fact, one of the interesting things was to compare what Kennedy had said to them with what he had said to us. He always led them to believe he was their greatest friend and even that he knew the Chamberlain—before he left the Embassy to get the plane to Lisbon—gave the implication that they were doing a fine job and that he was on their side. And the embassy when that news reel was being made. It cheered up the British a great deal. They thought it was fine.

Said Different Things

INGERSOLL: I don't quite get that. You tell me, the British were pleased by what he said to them, but it doesn't sound as if you American correspondents always were. Didn't he say the same thing to you that he said to them?

ROBERTSON: No, I was relieved when I heard about the news reel because that hadn't been my impression at all. He had given me and other American correspondents the distinct impression that he was very sceptical about Britain's chances.

INGERSOLL: The American Ambassador said one thing to the British and another to the American correspondents?

ROBERTSON: Yes, in fact, I was relieved when I heard what he said for the news reel because I was afraid he had lost confidence. I think he lost confidence? That is, he lost confidence of people did he talk to or do business with?

ROBERTSON: Well, he saw everybody. But one whom he admired and who he talked about was Chamberlain. He often said he was a misunderstood man and often mentioned that he was proud about the fact that he was the first American to introduce Lindbergh to Chamberlain.

It is so difficult to get that man Kennedy down. He was so devious. You remember how we talked about him? But we couldn't see that his conclusions could possibly come from his premises? He still seems to think that Britain was prepared to fight. Forgive me, shouldn't have fought. But on the other hand he would give you the impression that they were right in fighting. Our boys for them. Sometimes he thought we should help them. Sometimes he said they were giving us a chance to arm. And then he would say that they would eventually lose and that was that. That we should drop them overboard and that they didn't count. Still he told the people in the newspaper that they were doing a fine job.

Inconsistency

INGERSOLL: Well, I have got one clear picture of Kennedy in London at least. Mr Kennedy was a man who said a thing at one time and a different thing at another; one thing to one person and one thing to another. And believed in Chamberlain and Lindbergh, didn't he?

ROBERTSON: Yes.

INGERSOLL: Well, how can you account for such an inconsistency? Did anyone in London have any theories?

ROBERTSON: We talked about it constantly every day. He was a great puzzle to us and finally the only way we could explain it was that he was a Wall Street bear. He was a confirmed pessimist and would sell any time.

INGERSOLL: You mean that whereas as military men and working journalists and people whose lives are in jeopardy in a war can get used to bombing it may be hard for a big business man who is jump about his profits?

ROBERTSON: He told us one day, "This war's raising hell with my business."

INGERSOLL: Yes, I can see how it would. But I was also thinking of the difference between the way people take bombing. I don't know about Kennedy personally but I did notice that there were some people in London who were less affected by fear than others.

Ralph Ingersoll is the Editor of the New York newspaper, "PM," and Ben Robertson is the Journal's London Correspondent. Both have seen London in the worst periods of the Nazi air raids. In view of the wide publicity given to the statements made by Mr Joseph P. Kennedy, the former U.S. Ambassador to London, concerning America's defence problems and international problems bearing on Britain's war effort, Ingersoll took the extraordinary step of interviewing his own reporter on the matter of the Ex-Ambassador's record in London in order to find out what Mr Kennedy's words were worth. Some time ago Mr Kennedy disowned an interview published in the "Boston Globe" in which he suggested that it was erroneous to think that democracy was alive in England.

INGERSOLL: No one likes being bombed. Why didn't the British Government leave London? They were as free to go to the country as Joe Kennedy.

ROBERTSON: The Government believed in what they were fighting for and they stayed at their posts. He came home as quickly as he could.

INGERSOLL: That's just your own opinion?

ROBERTSON: No. That was the opinion of most of the correspondents. They came in all colours and shapes and sizes but correspondents aren't taken in very long. One funny thing about Kennedy was that he never seemed to think anybody would remember his off-the-record speeches. We never printed them, of course.

But we were all highly interested in them. When we read about one of them in the "Boston Globe," he told us the general sense, exactly what was in the interview he disowned. He told me that he saw nothing in store for the world but anarchy.

INGERSOLL: It hardly reflects the quality of fighting for one's principles that is so characteristic of Mr Roosevelt and Administration Mr Kennedy was representing in London.

The PARADOX of KENNEDY



Joseph P. Kennedy shrewdly made \$5,000 while still a Harvard student as co-owner of a bus. In 1914, when only 25, he became president of the Columbia Trust Co., a small Boston bank. During the Great War business-minded Kennedy managed a shipbuilding plant of the Bethlehem Steel Co., and later worked on Wall Street. Then the movies beckoned, and from 1924 to 1929 he was connected with the film industry, first as president of the Film Booking Offices of America and later as adviser to Keith-Albee-Orpheum, First National, RCA and Paramount. After the 1929 crash, he quit movies, with it, it is estimated, something like \$5,000,000 clear profit. In 1934, he cleaned up in a Libbey-Owens-Ford stock pool. Soon after that, his role as businessman-financier was set-aside. He was on his way to international politics. These facts of Kennedy's career are given in "PM."

ROBERTSON: No. But we never had such an idea that he was a friend of the President's.

INGERSOLL: What made you say that?

ROBERTSON: Well, the day he left he gave a party. He took his coat off and said, "Boys, I'm going to say what I haven't been saying for two years. I have been saying yes when I meant no. But I'm saying now that he was going home to denounce the President and might back the Republicans. I was so concerned I got word to him to think over before he acted. No man appointed by the Democratic Party can come out against the nominee for the Democratic Party. Some of his secretaries told me they had been talking with him for days. And it certainly was our impression in London that he was dead against Roosevelt. One correspondent even wrote up the story the rest of us didn't get out on a limb because we knew him. We knew how mercurial he was. We have been wondering ever since what happened between the time he left London and the time he arrived in New York. When he came out for the President just before the election he was doing the same kind of thing he had been doing in London—saying one thing for the public and another in private.

INGERSOLL: You know, talking to you about Kennedy in London is like developing a negative in the dark room. There's a picture emerging here but it doesn't seem to me to be the picture of one of America's great men. He doesn't look like Benjamin Franklin, the man who represented our interests in France in the course of the American Revolution.

Liquor Dealer

ROBERTSON: He was a Ben Franklin though in the way he was a breath of fresh air to the English with all his Irishness and his nine children. And they had never had a liquor dealer before as the ambassador of a foreign power.

INGERSOLL: Well, the Germans used to send the English their Von Ribbentrop, who used to sell champagne. I remember you telling me Kennedy was an efficient fellow in the way he ran his embassy.

ROBERTSON: He couldn't have been better. And personally I hate to say anything against him because he was so helpful in that respect. Times were serious in London and often we needed his help in our personal problems. We could always depend upon him. He was always available, would listen

to us and do something about it immediately. He was almost like a father to his personal concern about our safety. One day some of us were going to Dover. He phoned us. What hotel were we going to stay at? How long were we going to be there? He got us on planes into England and out of England and we all were grateful to him.

INGERSOLL: It may be an unkind thing to say but from what you have told me I would believe that Joe Kennedy was a very sensitive man on the subject of safety.



BEN ROBERTSON

the reason Washington sent Donovan (Col. William J. Donovan of the Fighting 69th over-land force) was that we knew Kennedy was furious about Donovan's arrival. While he was there, there was a rumour that Kennedy had resigned three times. We certainly know what Donovan's conclusions were. They weren't Kennedy's at all.

INGERSOLL: Donovan thought it was a good cause well fought. Then you think Donovan's conclusion may have come from talking with other American observers.

ROBERTSON: The British turned over everything to him. He saw everybody as you did and I think his conclusions were based on that, too.

INGERSOLL: Since the British spend much time with the British military people at Dover and at the military air ports?

ROBERTSON: I never saw him in Dover at all and I never saw his picture taken in any of the army camps.

INGERSOLL: Did he spend much time visiting shelters with correspondents?

ROBERTSON: Not with us.

INGERSOLL: Did he ever go to the fire department during a raid and see how the fire were going on when there were bombers about?

ROBERTSON: He was in the country. Ingersoll: Well, that interests me professionally of course. As an observer I don't see how a man can appraise the progress of a war without visiting it and assuring himself on the equipment and morale of the fighting forces. Did the American military observers in the embassy get out and around?

ROBERTSON: All the time. The naval observers were with the ships at sea.

INGERSOLL: And those are the people whose opinion Kennedy passed up?

ROBERTSON: Look. You know what Gen. Strong said when he came back. He believed the British could hold out.

INGERSOLL: I think that is terribly important to the American people to understand these things because we are 3,000 miles away and we have to take the opinion of expert witnesses.

ROBERTSON: Since the Washington left July 7 there haven't been 50 Americans who have come out of England.

Why Sent An Envoy?

INGERSOLL: So you wouldn't say I was talking through my hat if I said these things that the observers who got around the most, saw the most and heard the most were the correspondents at the military observatory attached to the legation. And the question of how the war's going, if it comes to an issue with Mr Kennedy, is their word against his?

ROBERTSON: Their word and facts.

INGERSOLL: You know, I doubt if people really understand that. The title of an ambassador is a pretty over-powering one for most folks. It sounds so reliable and disinterested.

ROBERTSON: You know Kennedy always wanted people to use his full title—His Excellency, the United States Ambassador to the United Kingdom.

INGERSOLL: He looks well in a high hat. It is too bad American ambassadors don't get to wear them. I don't know who is being interviewed ask a question? Do you know why President Roosevelt sent Mr Kennedy to England in the first place?

INGERSOLL: Not first hand. But after the little I had heard in London and after the Louis Lyons interview in the "Boston Globe" I made some enquiries. It appears that the military observers in London had been going on in Washington. That is—Kennedy's getting so involved emotionally that some of the things he was saying privately sounded irresponsible. Someone suggested to the President that the simplest way out of this embarrassing situation would be to change Mr Kennedy's address. Which wasn't hard to arrange because many people who are impressed by title and position have worked their whole lives to get an appointment to a foreign court, and Kennedy was that kind of a fellow.

ROBERTSON: I think that was the same time no one in Washington really foresaw what was going to happen. The most experienced people in Washington didn't see it. I don't know what Kennedy's appointment of political expediency. I don't know what Kennedy's appointment of political expediency. That is simply what Kennedy's appointment of political expediency. That is simply what Kennedy's appointment of political expediency.

ROBERTSON: That's just about what I've heard in London.

INGERSOLL: Oh, by the way we have only got a few minutes left. Did the British ever wonder and did you when you were in London? Do you think it is possible that you succumbed to a wheeler-dealer called British "bandwagons"?

ROBERTSON: As correspondents, you are hitting at us in our most sensitive place. We talked about it all the time. Ingersoll: Of course, I don't mean that personally. I just mean that loads of Americans think the British are charming people and that they have a technique of winning over the British around their fingers.

ROBERTSON: If anybody in a time like this appears pro-British and friendly to the British cause, he opens himself up to the accusation that he belongs to the Walter Hines Page school. I tell you, the people who count in this war are too busy to get champagne. We believe everything we have written have shown ourselves really to be a tough people and a sincere people and they can take it.

Like Pioneers

INGERSOLL: I was interested to note that when I was in London, for every bona fide member of the upper classes, if not hundreds of millions of people who were carrying the burden of putting out fires, fighting the Nazis with anti-aircraft and things like that, what they had to say about the war was a lot more significant than what Lord Halifax had to say. In London, I got a better understanding of the war. I ever had before. I thought a lot about the war here and what they Londoners measure up to them in this time.

INGERSOLL: Well, to-night we will have a chance to hear what his Excellency the Ambassador to the Court of St. James has to say about it all. There's no way to put 100 or more American correspondents in London and have a score of trained military and naval observers on national radio hook-ups.

ROBERTSON: Then you go back to his belief in Chamberlain and Lindbergh and their ideas?

ROBERTSON: It was felt that the difference in opinion between Kennedy and the military and naval aids was time on a national radio hook-up.

TEN YEARS FOR LOOTING

Portsmouth Policemen Sentenced

The heaviest sentences yet passed for looting were given recently to two Portsmouth policemen. Each was ordered 10 years' penal servitude.

Police Constable Douglas John Clark, 38, and Police Constable Arthur Elmar Beeson, aged 23, stole furs from a shop in Southsea which had been damaged in the raids.

Clark, a married man with three children, took a 28gns. mink marmot coat.

Beeson, a married man with one child, took an 8gns. skunk cape.

Convicts Now

Both admitted their thefts at Winchester Assizes.

At the Police court hearing last October the Chief Constable said that an anonymous letter started his inquiries.

In addition to the sentences the men lost their jobs, their pensions, and their characters.

Looting is a crime punishable by the death sentence. No death sentence has yet been passed, but several judges have warned looters that it can be passed.

Sir Gerald Dodson, the Recorder of London, has hinted at it.

He told looters before him about "the heaviest penalty which a wise legislature has made available," and said that his efforts to deal with looting by passing lenient sentences had failed.

The previous heaviest sentence on a looter was at Birmingham on a soldier.

He received six years' penal servitude. There have been several sentences of five years.

Chinese Uses Farm Refuse For Gasoline

A new synthetic gasoline, which eventually may help to solve China's acute transportation problem, has been discovered by Prof. Li Ki-wei, dean of the National Yunnan University. The gas is made of agricultural refuse and by-products.

During experiments Professor Li's fuel showed a serviceability 20 per cent. higher than natural gasoline. It is colourless, after bleaching, and has the same smell and specific gravity as gasoline. It has a lower ignition point, a higher British Thermal Unit, and is devoid of corrosive elements.

Professor Li estimates that his fuel can be produced at a cost of about \$8 or \$10 (Chinese) per gallon, whereas natural gasoline costs \$20 per gallon.

The one real drawback seems to be that the new fuel takes a month to produce. Professor Li is seeking a new method of production which will enable manufacture in less time.

To date the artificial fuel has not been produced commercially, but only in laboratories.

Tunney Is Physical Director Of Airmen

James J. Tunney, former heavy weight champion and once a private in the Marine Corps, was commissioned recently as a Lieutenant Commander in the U.S. Naval Reserve. He was ordered immediately to active duty as physical director and co-ordinator of physical education at Pensacola and Jacksonville, Fla., and Corpus Christi.

ROBBED RAID DEAD

The prosecutor said it was "a horrible and disgusting case" when George Alfred Hobbs, a mortuary assistant, was charged with looting recently with stealing a ring from the body of an air raid victim. Found in Hobbs' possession were two men's rings, three women's rings, ten £1 notes, two wrist watches.

Modern Exploration In China: Frenchman Slain

CHUNGKING, Feb. 22 (Central News).—M. A. Guibaut, famous French explorer representing the French Geographical Society in Paris, arrived in Chungking recently following a seven-month tour of Sikang. During his tour he met with an unfortunate incident and lost his associate, M. L. Liotaud, who accompanied him, all his films and belongings.

This happened on September 9, 1940 when Guibaut's caravan, consisting of two Tibetans a Chinese servant, five horses and 10 yaks, was attacked by a group of 20 bandits.

Armed with guns, the bandits descended upon them from a high mountain north-west of Kangting. Liotaud and the Chinese servant were killed while Guibaut managed to escape to a monastery in company with the two Tibetans, his overcoat riddled with bullets.

They were cordially received by the lamas and after four days the French explorer and the two Tibetans, accompanied by six lamas, resumed the tour on horseback. They went as far as Luho, a small town inhabited mainly by Chinese.

Resumed Journey

From Luho, Guibaut turned back,

U.S. Rejects Appeal From Vichy

A plea from the French Government at Vichy for the United States to take over part of its gigantic refugee load is understood to have been turned down.

The French wanted the United States to take some of the millions of refugees that have congregated in Unoccupied France and to urge other American nations to do likewise.

In addition to Loyalist refugees from Spain, hordes of Jews forced out of Luxembourg, Belgium, the Netherlands and Germany have crowded into the area and are taxing the limited food supplies.

The U.S. State Department replied to the appeal, submitted through Gaston Henry-Haye, French Ambassador, that the present immigration laws did not allow admission of refugees beyond certain limits.

The United States, it was said, is following the policy laid down by the Inter-Governmental Committee on Refugees, which does not ask any country to admit more refugees than their practices and laws admit.

Hint Forwarded

At the same time, the State Department promised to make every effort to relieve pressure of the refugee problem in the country where it exists.

The reply also hinted that one of the first steps to relief would be the release of several thousand persons with American visas now awaiting exit permits in Unoccupied France. Presumably these are persons whom the German Government is not willing to have leave.

Japanese Crave Entertainment

Cinema Fans Are Problem

TOKYO, Feb. 23 (Domei).—With an increase of almost 10,000,000 in the attendance at the 350 motion picture theatres in Tokyo prefecture alone in 1940 as compared with the attendance in the previous year, a new problem of how to satisfy the nation's lust for recreation is confronting the authorities.

Against an attendance of 91,640,012 persons during 1939, a total of 101,706,711 paid for admission to the movies in Tokyo prefecture last year, a survey shows.

The increased population as well as the mounting drift to the cities are cited as contributory causes to this rise but official point out that the problem is not being solved as the building of new motion picture theatres is not being authorised in view of the need for construction materials for more essential structures.

The present survey was precipitated by a near riot caused before one of Tokyo's leading theatres on February 11 when a "Manchurian" actress made a personal appearance.

Black-out Thieves Sent To Gaol

Mrs Justice Stabile, at Manchester Assizes recently, sentenced two young men to seven years' penal servitude each for housebreaking and thieving offences during air raids. The accused were Frank Edward Gibbons, 22, and Thomas Michael Briggs, 25, described as Army abscontees, both of Liverpool.

It was stated that the men waited until the air raid sirens had sounded and people had gone to shelter, and then used a master key to break into the houses to steal whatever was lying around.



LONDON BLASTS—Smoke curls around rooftops in London as workers dynamite tottering buildings. St. Paul's dome looks down on skeletons of structures menacing Londoners after Nazi raids.

Rugby

Combined Services Draw 3-3 With Club-Police

Keen And Hard-fought Game

RUGGER at Happy Valley on Saturday was keen and hard fought when Combined Services drew 3-3 with Club-Police after leading 3-0 at half time. Both sides had opportunities of clinching the issue but thrilling tackles and narrow misses at goal kept the score to a low level.

Paul, Navy three-quarter, was back again to the fore, while Fairclough, full back, found touch on numerous occasions with excellent long punts.

Stewart, marking Paul, too, was in great form, and ran strongly when in possession.

Service Score

SERVICES were the first to approach to scoring when Millar failed with a penalty kick. Following this, however, their efforts were rewarded when Rutledge got within striking distance and when Honeywill got possession he sent Richards over in the corner. Millar kick failed.

Services thus led 3-0 at the interval, and for the first part of the second half were again in the ascendancy. Fifteen minutes before the end, however, Godfrey picked up in the loose and went over. All-keen failed.

Then just a few minutes before the end, Club-Police all but took the lead when Stewart was grassed a few yards from the line.

Teams were: Combined Services.—Fairclough (Army); Bowden (Navy); Honeywill (Navy); and Richards (Army); Carter (Navy); and Rutledge (Navy); Sutherland (Army); Walters (Navy); Honors (Army); Millar (Army); King (Navy); Pinkerton (Army); Berry (Army) and Poole (Navy). Club-Police.—Thompson; Bosanquet; Stewart; Carruthers and Van Leeuwen; All-keen and Thompson; Cullinan (Police); Walker; Waldeen; Kennedy; Godfrey; Taylor and Wright-North (Police).

Ferrier Wins Miami Open

Miami, Florida, Feb. 13. Jim Ferrier, the Australian open golf champion and formerly of Shanghai, won the amateur prize in the \$15,000 Miami Open Golf championship, when he scored a par 70 to defeat Earl Christiansen, a Miami detective, by three strokes in an 18-hole playoff for amateur honour.

Ferrier and Christiansen had tied with 287 strokes for 72-holes, seven over par.—Reuter.

Small Units Sports

The Combined Small Units will hold an individual athletic meeting on the Chatham Road ground on March 17, 18 and 19 when the following events will be held:—100 yards, 220 yards, 440 yards, 880 yards, one mile, three miles, high jump, long jump, pole vault, 120 yards high hurdles, shot putt, javelin throw, hammer throw, and discus throw.

There will also be an open mile medley relay race. Entries should reach the Officer in charge of Combined Small Units Athletics, care of the Hongkong Signal Company by March 10 at the latest.

Japanese Youth Attempts Record

KOBE, Feb. 23 (Domei).—Seeking to establish a new Japanese record for a sustained glider flight, Seichi Yoshikawa, 24, took off at 2.07 p.m. on Saturday for Akenosahara airfield, in Mie prefecture, from atop Mount Rokko. The airline distance between the two points is about 90 miles.

Yoshikawa and his assistants have been waiting at the top of Mount Rokko since February 1, awaiting favourable wind and weather conditions.

Hockey

Recreio Hold Visiting Macao XI

EXCELLENT HOCKEY was witnessed at King's Park yesterday when the Club de Recreio entertained a team from Macao and succeeded in holding the powerful visiting XI to a 2-all draw.

Weak link of the visiting team was found in their forward line. Their halves-and-backs presented a most determined front, and held the persistent Recreio forwards at bay for considerable periods. Persistence, however, had its reward when J. Fonseca registered for Recreio to give the local side a 1-0 lead at the interval.

It was in the second period that Macao was most prominent. Their halves—J. Nolasco, Alex Airoa and Trigo Silva—were a fine combination and gave ample support to their forwards. It was mainly through their efforts that Macao registered twice in the second half, and with a little more accuracy and initiative in their forward line might easily have emerged the winners.

For Recreio, R. Marques and J. Goncalves were a hard-working pair of backs, and in the second half hard-worked. W. A. Reed dominated the centre of the field as centre-half, while in the forward line J. A. Soares, J. M. Gosano and B. Gosano combined well.

P. Angelo, who was playing well in the Macao forward line, and A. Airoa scored Macao's two goals, while B. Gosano notched Recreio's other.

Teams were: Recreio.—H. Goncalves; R.A. Marques; J. Goncalves; P. Yvanovich; W. A. Reed; A. M. Alves; J. A. Soares; J. M. Gosano; B. Gosano; P. X. Sequeira; J. Fonseca. Macao.—Almada; Basio; Ferreira; J. Nolasco; Alex Airoa; Trigo Silva; P. M. Nolasco; Alvert; Airoa; P. Angelo; F. Hamalho; R. Angelo.

Hoare Still In Turkey

On Way To Egypt

ISTANBUL, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—Sir Reginald Hoare, former British Ambassador in Bucharest, is leaving here tonight for Ankara. Sir Reginald, who is on his way to Egypt, is expected to remain one day in the Turkish capital as the guest of the British Ambassador, Sir Hugh Knatchbull-Hugessen.

ENGINEERING LECTURE

Professor W. Brown of the University will deliver a lecture on Friday, March 14, at 2.15 p.m., to members of the Talkoo Club. The subject will be "James Watt."

All interested are invited to attend.

Softball

WILDCATS NOSE OUT WAHOOS

OUTSTANDING softball matches of the week and were those between the Wildcats and the Wahoos, and the Mohawks and Chinese B. C. In both games the first names emerged the winner by the odd run. Scores in brief were:

GIRLS
Cardinals 10, Rumblerettes 5.
Wildcats 4, Wahoos 3.
Chung Hwa 24, Las Florinas 13.
MEN, MAJOR LEAGUE
Recreio's Aces forfeited to Cyclones.
Indians 8, Canucks 7.
Mohawks 8, Chinese 7.
HONG
Hongkong Bank 10, Texaco 7.

La Salle College Athletic Meet On Saturday

Owing to the long programme of events in the annual athletic sports meeting of La Salle College, to be held on March 1, nine finals were decided on Saturday, besides the running of heats. Participants were handicapped by a strong wind and performances were not up to the standard shown in previous years.

Following were the results of the finals held on Saturday:
100 yds. (Senior).—1. J. R. Pereira; 2. A. Goncalves; 3. F. Marcal. Distance, 22 ft 8 ins.
100 yds. (Junior).—1. A. Mackenzie; 2. Marcus Ng; 3. A. Sandberg. Height, 5 ft 11 ins.
100 yds. (Midget).—1. L. Sequeira; 2. A. Remedios; 3. R. Silva. Height, 4 ft 7 1/2 ins.
200 yds. (Senior).—1. N. Castro; 2. Cheng Kum-kwong; 3. A. P. Silva. Distance, 17 ft 8 ins.
200 yds. (Junior).—1. J. Francisco; 2. J. R. Pereira; 3. T. Remedios. Distance, 15 ft 8 ins.
200 yds. (Midget).—1. F. Larcina; 2. C. Kalkoff; 3. J. Pereira. Distance, 12 ft 10 ins.
400 yds. (Senior).—1. G. Salazar; 2. G. Prado; 3. J. Prado. Distance, 31 ft 11 ins.

Following were the results of the heats:
100 metres (Senior) Heat 1.—1. F. Silva; 2. B. Pomeroy. Heat 2.—1. A. Mackenzie; 2. R. Remedios. Heat 3.—1. A. P. Silva; 2. J. Gomes.

100 metres (Junior). Heat 1.—1. T. Remedios; 2. A. Rodrigues. Heat 2.—1. Pereira; 2. J. Xavier. Heat 3.—1. L. Timpa; 2. F. Marcal.

100 metres (Midget). Heat 1.—1. F. Larcina; 2. G. Sequeira; 3. G. Kalkoff. Heat 2.—1. L. Sequeira; 2. W. Silva; 3. A. Francisco.

200 metres (Senior) Heat 1.—1. J. Gomes; 2. F. Silva. Heat 2.—1. A. P. Silva; 2. R. Lobo. Heat 3.—1. A. Mackenzie; 2. L. Timpa.

200 metres (Junior) Heat 1.—1. T. Remedios; 2. A. Silva. Heat 2.—1. J. Xavier; 2. E. Tavares. Heat 3.—1. G. Gutierrez; 2. V. V.

200 metres (Midget) Heat 1.—1. F. Larcina; 2. G. Sequeira; 3. G. Kalkoff. Heat 2.—1. L. Sequeira; 2. W. Silva; 3. A. Francisco.

400 metres (Senior) Heat 1.—1. A. Mackenzie; 2. C. Castro; 3. J. Xavier. Heat 2.—1. R. Remedios; 2. J. Gomes; 3. F. Silva; 4. G. Sequeira.

400 metres (Junior) Heat 1.—1. J. Francisco; 2. J. Xavier. Heat 2.—1. J. Francisco; 2. J. Xavier. Heat 3.—1. G. Gutierrez; 2. V. V.

400 metres (Midget) Heat 1.—1. L. Sequeira; 2. G. Kalkoff; 3. W. Silva. Heat 2.—1. L. Sequeira; 2. W. Silva; 3. A. Francisco.

600 metres (Senior) Heat 1.—1. N. Castro; 2. R. Remedios; 3. A. Sandberg. Heat 2.—1. L. Sequeira; 2. R. Wong; 3. R. Wong.

600 metres (Junior) Heat 1.—1. N. Xavier; 2. A. Castro; 3. M. Kik-shing. Heat 2.—1. N. Xavier; 2. A. Castro; 3. M. Kik-shing.

600 metres (Midget) Heat 1.—1. N. Xavier; 2. A. Castro; 3. M. Kik-shing. Heat 2.—1. N. Xavier; 2. A. Castro; 3. M. Kik-shing.

800 metres (Senior) Heat 1.—1. N. Castro; 2. R. Remedios; 3. A. Sandberg. Heat 2.—1. L. Sequeira; 2. R. Wong; 3. R. Wong.

800 metres (Junior) Heat 1.—1. N. Xavier; 2. A. Castro; 3. M. Kik-shing. Heat 2.—1. N. Xavier; 2. A. Castro; 3. M. Kik-shing.

800 metres (Midget) Heat 1.—1. N. Xavier; 2. A. Castro; 3. M. Kik-shing. Heat 2.—1. N. Xavier; 2. A. Castro; 3. M. Kik-shing.

1000 metres (Senior) Heat 1.—1. N. Castro; 2. R. Remedios; 3. A. Sandberg. Heat 2.—1. L. Sequeira; 2. R. Wong; 3. R. Wong.

1000 metres (Junior) Heat 1.—1. N. Xavier; 2. A. Castro; 3. M. Kik-shing. Heat 2.—1. N. Xavier; 2. A. Castro; 3. M. Kik-shing.

1000 metres (Midget) Heat 1.—1. N. Xavier; 2. A. Castro; 3. M. Kik-shing. Heat 2.—1. N. Xavier; 2. A. Castro; 3. M. Kik-shing.

1200 metres (Senior) Heat 1.—1. N. Castro; 2. R. Remedios; 3. A. Sandberg. Heat 2.—1. L. Sequeira; 2. R. Wong; 3. R. Wong.

1200 metres (Junior) Heat 1.—1. N. Xavier; 2. A. Castro; 3. M. Kik-shing. Heat 2.—1. N. Xavier; 2. A. Castro; 3. M. Kik-shing.

1200 metres (Midget) Heat 1.—1. N. Xavier; 2. A. Castro; 3. M. Kik-shing. Heat 2.—1. N. Xavier; 2. A. Castro; 3. M. Kik-shing.

1400 metres (Senior) Heat 1.—1. N. Castro; 2. R. Remedios; 3. A. Sandberg. Heat 2.—1. L. Sequeira; 2. R. Wong; 3. R. Wong.

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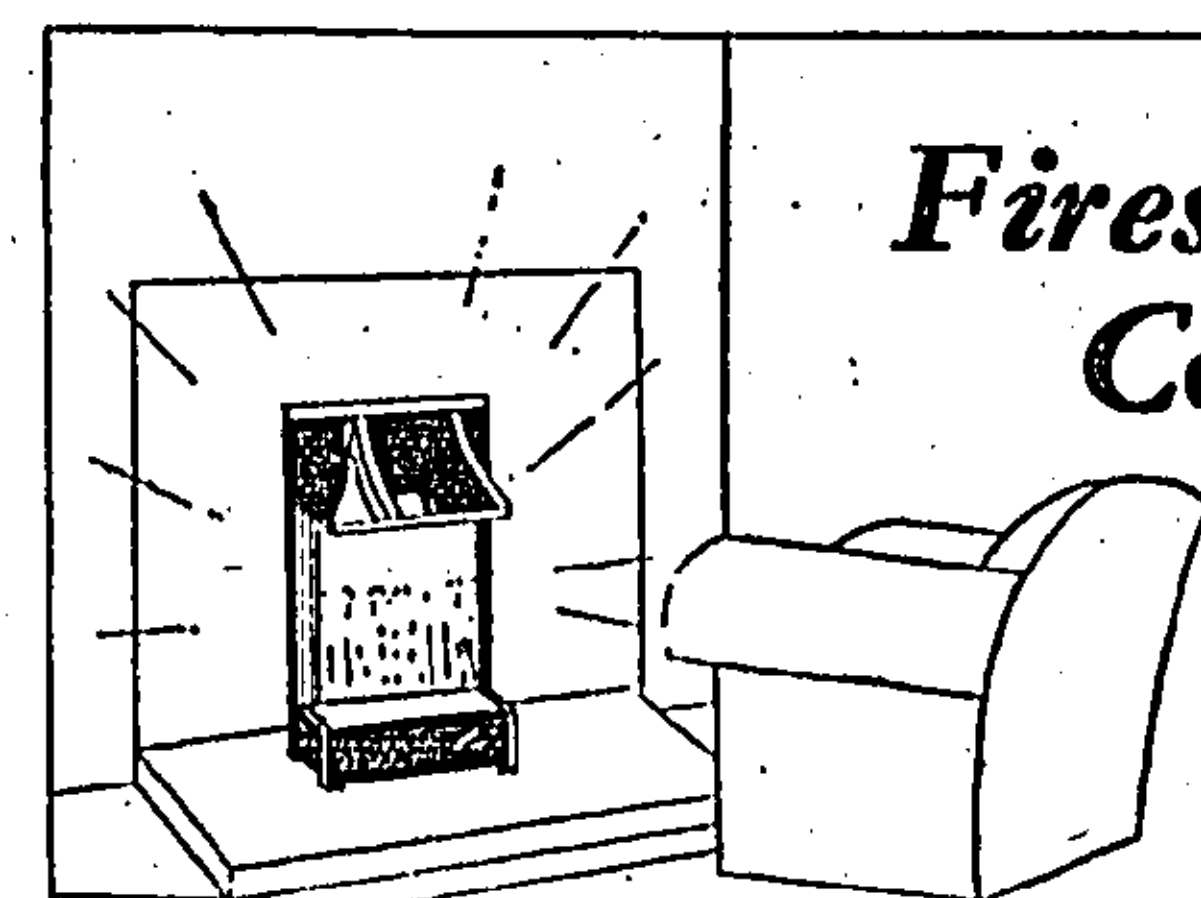
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ART TREASURES MAY GO TO U.S.

Privately-owned art treasures in Britain worth millions of pounds may shortly be sold to the United States to obtain money for the war effort. A scheme is being considered by the Board of Trade which proposes to ask people to sell these treasures abroad.

Electricity Charges

An error crept into the published announcement of the Hongkong Electric Co. Ltd. in Friday's issue, regarding standard charges for current. It should be noted that these increases will take effect in respect of all accounts issued for meters read on and after March 21, 1941.

MONDAY MORNING COMMENTARY

Senior Shield Quarter-Finals

Penalty Kick Decides Match In Eastern's Favour: Sing Tao Surprised By St Joseph's

(By "SCRAMBLER")

SHOWING A VASTLY improved form from their last league encounter, Kwong Wah very nearly surprised Eastern when they met yesterday in the quarter finals of the Senior Shield, succumbing only to a better organised attack by the odd goal in three. The losers were somewhat demoralised by the award of a "spot-kick" against them for accidental hands during the latter part of the first half from which Eastern obtained the lead. If a similar decision had been awarded them on two later occasions against the winners, the result might have been different.

Kwong Wah had only themselves to blame for the result, for their forwards were at no time dangerous, and never in the course of the whole game took an effective shot at goal. The insidemen were unable to co-operate with the wingers, and their passes and understanding often went astray. If they had been a little more concrete in their work, Eastern would have been sorely put to ward off the attacks.

A better co-ordinated attack was up against a steady defence, but the defence were unable to help their attack much due to the fact that their clearances were either weak or partially blocked. There was too much loose play, and although Eastern won, their victory was not very conclusive.

Thanks to the brilliant goal-keeping of Lee Kwok-kee Kwong

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The time interval will be after the fifth race on the third and fourth days.

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Members are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

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Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the Race Course.

The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, EXCHANGE BUILDING, (Tel. 27704) WILL CLOSE AT 9.45 a.m. ON THE FIRST FOUR DAYS, and at 11.45 a.m. ON THE FIFTH DAY.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable each day at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box, (Tel. 21020).

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Tickets will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

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Passes for Servants will be issued to Private Box holders ONLY on application to the Secretary, 1st Floor, Exchange Building.

Any persons found loitering with Servants' passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the Enclosure.

By Order,

O. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 10th February, 1941.

Wah allowed Eastern to penetrate their defence twice only. It was the custodian who stood between the Eastern's attack and goal on many occasions, and his keen anticipation and judgment saved them time and again. He was well supported by a very steady pair of backs. Chung Fai-lam was the better of the two, intercepting and clearing well and had good support from Leung Pak-wai.

The intermediate line went about their work with a will, and spoiled many good movements. They were however unable to pass or clear accurately, and because of their concentration in defence, they were unable to help in their attack. Wong Wah-guy put in an excellent afternoon's work, but Yeung Poon-hon found that Hau Ching-tau was much too fast for him. Chung King-tay had a good control over C. T. Tsao.

Loose Forwards

In the attacks, Kwong Wah were unable to settle down as a team, the insidemen as stated were unable to partner with their wingers. Wong King-cheung caused the Eastern's attack the most worry, and Cheuk Shek-kum spelt many good movements by holding on the ball too long. The inside trio had good approach work, but were extremely weak in front of goal.

Much of Eastern's success can be laid at the feet of their halves, for their attack too although prominent was not on the dangerous side. It was Hau Ching-tau who did all the shooting. Both Cheung Kam-hoi and Qui Yeung-fok were not up to scratch, the latter did not appear to be an attacker at all.

Hau King-sing held the middle of the field, and through many passes. Both Ng Kee-cheung and Lo Wai-kuen had control over their respective departments, but the former found that Wong King-cheung was not only fast but tricky. Lau Hin-hon did not have much to do and the goal that went past him was the best of the match.

Even First Half

The ball was swung from one end to the other, and Eastern's pair of backs had the measure of Kwong Wah's attack, which was inclined to centre their attack on the right side, and C. T. Tsao's centre was accidentally handled by Leung Pak-wai.

From the resultant "spot-kick" taken by Cheung Kam-hoi, Eastern obtained the lead. However, Kwong Wah appeared to have been badly shaken by this goal, for they were lethargic.

Crossing over with the lead of one goal, Eastern diverged their attack to the left where Kwong Wah's defence left Hau Ching-tau too much unmarked. During this period Lee Kwok-kee put in a great deal of good, saving on many occasions by diving full length for the ball. He saved magnificently from Hyui and later from Hau Ching-tau at point blank range. Hau Ching-tau however increased the lead when he cut in to score from close range.

Thereafter, Kwong Wah awoke from their lethargy and subjected Eastern's goal to a series of raids, in one of which Tin Yung-fat scored with a left foot drive that had Lau Hin-hon beaten all the way. This goal was the result of fine approach work on the right. With only five minutes Kwong Wah went all out for the equaliser, but their efforts were frustrated by Eastern's defence who were playing at the top of their form.

KWONG WAH: Lee Kwok-kee; Chung Fai-lam, Leung Pak-wai; Yeung Poon-hon, Wong Wah-ray, Chung Kim-fai; Cheuk Shek-kum, Tin Yung-fat, Lee Yan-leung, Lau Fook-chuen, Wong King-cheung.

EASTERN: Lau Hin-hon; Kong Sang-king, S. Y. Yen; Ng Kee-cheung, Hau King-sing, Lo Wai-kuen, F. T. Tsao, Cheung Kam-hoi, V. Y. Hyui, Qui Yeung-fok, Hau Ching-tau.

SING TAO BEATEN

Saints' Brilliant Win

Strengthened by the inclusion of Guy and Flanders, Saint Joseph's College created a surprise when they beat Sing Tao by 2-0 yesterday at Causeway Bay in the quarter finals of the Senior Shield. To Guy in the pivotal position and Sammy Tsang in goal, the Saints owed much of their success, for between the two of them, they had Sing Tao's attack bottled up.

The defence played up very well, where Hussain and Bowen were seen to good advantage by their bustling clearances. Guy was the best man on view, holding the fast Chinese forwards at bay. He was well supported by Leonard on his left and T. Castilho on his right. It was in this department that the Saints were able to assume the supremacy.

In attack, the whole of the forward line found understanding. Here MacDonald by his forging had the Chinese defence on tenterhooks. Santos partnered well with Cruz on the right and Gomes was able to play up to the fast Flanders.

Tricky Trio

The Chinese forward line were not allowed to settle down. Guy saw to it that the tricky trio of Fung King-cheung, Kwok Ying-kie and Lai Shui-wing were not allowed to bring their intricate moves into play, and broke up many of their movements. The intermediate trio were unable to hold the Saints' attack. Leung Wing-chiu was unable to master the feet-footed MacDonald and both Tsui Ah-fai and Soong Ling-sing found that the pair of wingers were a bundle of energy.

Only the good work of Hou Yung-sang and Mak Shui-hon at back was responsible for the Saints being unable to take the lead in the first half. Cheung Wing-chol played up well, but found MacDonald's methods a bit to his dislike. Sammy Tsang was in great form, saving several certain goals.

Play was very even in the first half, and had the Saints' forwards been able to shoot more accurately, they would undoubtedly have taken the lead. Sing Tao's attack were not allowed to get co-ordinated. Guy was ably aided by his wing halves, Hussain and Bowen supported them well.

With no score in the first half, the Saints went into the attack, and Leonard's lob shot was saved by Cheung Wing-chol. MacDonald followed up and the Chinese keeper allowed the ball to alight to the ground thereby allowing MacDonald to score. The Saints were definitely on top and the same player scored their second goal when he went through from a pass by Flanders.

SAINTS: Sammy Tsang; A. J. Hussain, J. Bowen; T. Castilho, Guy, D. Leonard, Cruz, Santos, MacDonald, Gomes, Flanders.

SING TAO: Cheung Wing-chol; Hou Yung-sang, Mak Shui-hon; Tsui Ah-fai, Leung Wing-chiu, Soong Ling-sing; Yeung Shui-yick, Fung King-cheung, Kwok Ying-kie, Lai Shui-wing, Ip Pak-wah.

Interport Probables v. British Army

THE INTERPORT hockey Probables will be playing the British Army to-morrow at 4.45 p.m. on the Club ground, King's Park. The Probables team will be: V. M. Deniwel; V. C. Bond and J. Goncalves; R. Marques, A. A. Reed and N. B. Whitley; T. Whitley, G. Singh, B. Gosano, H. L. Ozorio and W. Brown.

Reserves—E. Fowler, D. T. Smith, A. Alves, W. Parker and A. E. P. Quest.



Sammy Tsang and J. Bowen (Saints) in a heading duel with Lai Shui-wing (Sing Tao) in front of the Saints' goal. A. J. Hussain, other Saints' back, is seen behind.—England Studios.

Rifle Shooting

Colony Lose Interport Match to Singapore

Largely due to lack of practice with aperture sights brought about by local military restrictions, Hongkong lost the 1940 Interport rifle shooting contest with Singapore, and thus the Far East Trophy, which it won in 1939.

The contest was first instituted in 1933 by the Hongkong Rifle Association. Shoots are conducted on postal lines and each team, comprising of 10 British subjects resident in the place, is allowed to fire on any date within the calendar year.

Hongkong fired on December 15. Conditions then were far from favourable and with lack of practice with aperture sights, the team was able to aggregate only 730 against their winning score of 752 the previous year, whereas Singapore aggregated 702. The only possible at any range was C/Sgt Hale's 35 at 500 yards for Hongkong.

Hongkong, however, won the Open Sight event, but this is only a subsidiary shoot and does not count towards the Interport result.

Following are the detailed results:

Interport

SINGAPORE

	200	500	600	Ttl.
L. A. J. Whitcombe	32	34	24	700
P. M. B. Hopkins	33	33	32	98
F/Sgt D. Reid	33	32	32	97
F/Lt S. P. Coulson	34	32	29	95
L/Cpl C. E. Goh	33	31	30	94
L/Cpl E. Lane	33	31	30	94
Gnr G. Child	31	31	30	92
R.Q.M.S. Bickerpke	31	30	30	91
Total	257	250	240	747

HONGKONG

	200	500	600	Ttl.
D/M W. Kifford	32	34	24	700
C/Sgt F. Hale	32	32	27	91
A.S.P. D. Loie	31	32	29	92
Capt. A. J. Le Seclieur	30	32	31	93
Sgt. A. Chan	30	31	31	92
Lieut. C. J. P. Carey	30	31	31	92
Sgt. F. Russell	29	31	31	91
W/O F. Tullison	29	31	31	91
Total	247	251	222	720

Open Sights

HONGKONG

	200	500	600	Ttl.
Sgt. T. Baker	32	31	31	94
P.S.M. R. Green	32	30	31	93
Sgt. W. Nunn	32	30	31	93
L/Sgt N. L. Fan	32	30	31	93
C.S.M. V. Swanson	32	30	31	93
A.C.I. P. Howell	32	30	31	93
Sgt. F. Cole	30	31	31	92
Sgt. Purn Singh	30	31	31	92
Pte Scott	28	31	31	90
Total	228	230	210	668

SINGAPORE

	200	500	600	Ttl.
L.A.C. S. Williams	32	30	28	90
Sgt. H. J. Stephens	32	30	28	90
Sgt. H. A. Ball	32	30	28	90
L.A.C. J. Bennett	32	30	28	90
C.S.M. V. Swanson	32	30	28	90
A.C.I. P. Howell	32	30	28	90
Sgt. F. Cole	30	31	31	92
Sgt. Purn Singh	30	31	31	92
L/Sgt. Sutherland	28	31	31	90
Total	217	223	197	637

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Week-end Golf Results

FINALS in two of the competitions of the Fanling Golf Club and the Country Club were played this week-end.

At Fanling, S. L. Lloyd won the 36-holes final of the Junior Championship, beating A. J. Dennis 3 and 1.

Country Club

At the Country Club, A. W. Ramsey took his second trophy of the year when, with R. E. Lee, he won the final of the men's Foursomes, beating W. Williamson and C. S. Thom 6 and 4.

In the second round of the Club Championship, Ramsey beat Williamson 2 up.

Cricket

Volunteers Beaten By Recreio

CLUB DE RECREIO beat the Hongkong Volunteers by five runs in a keen game of cricket at King's Park yesterday. Despite their being represented by only ten men, consistent scoring by the early batsmen enabled Recreio to total 181.

To this, the Volunteers replied with 176, of which 74 was contributed by E. C. Fincher.

Scores were:

Recreio—181 (J. M. Gosano 35, M. D'Almeida Remedios 31, L. G. Gosano 27, P. M. N. da Silva 26, A. E. Perry 3 for 39, L. T. Ride 2 for 18).

Volunteers—176 (E. C. Fincher 74, A. Zimmermann 31, A. E. Perry 23, E. Chiu-sun 4, Leung Kok-dock 2, Siew Kit-man, Chan See-bun, Luk Tack-chang, Sek Chen-tak).

Although they were greatly weakened by the absence of Capt. Carl Knowles, American Olympic ace, forced to the sidelines with a sprained ankle suffered in a game at Manila, the Californian giants worked together like a well-oiled machine, handling the ball in masterful fashion. Their clear-cut ball handling, effective passing and close guarding were a feature of the game, and had the cage fans continually roaring.

Slow in starting due to the strange surroundings and to the gym was greatly over-crowded, the American visitors gradually worked up steam, and in the second half their plays were working with clock-like precision. Relying mainly on sure passing, climax shooting plays, the visitors had the local stars completely baffled for the greater part of the game.

Commanding Lead TAKING the lead at the opening whistle, the tall cage stars from sunny California were never seriously threatened, taking a commanding 34-18 lead at half-time.

In the last half the local prizes, through fast breaking tactics fought desperately to cut the lead, but the visitors, employing cool calculated movements were complete masters of the game and through effective passing as well as accurate shooting, emerged winners by an overwhelming margin.

For the touring Americans, towering Lester "scarecrow" O'Garra, former Pasadena J. C. star, with his steady influence, dead-set shots and close guarding, was the standout player on the floor, sinking the ball through the hoops for a "whizz-bang" 28 points.

Ray Weldie, ex-Utah University ace and Lee Woodward of Whittier College also came in with the "starry role" tag.

Lo Chen-hoon, Sek Chen-chee and Siew Kit-man played brilliantly for the locals who were completely outclassed in both offensive and defensive play by a superior team.

Preliminary

In a preliminary game the Kowloon girls starlets took the Hong Kong quintette into camp 81-14.

California—Lee Woodward 8, Lester O'Garra 28, Paul Cloyd 6, Ray Weldie 14, Johnny Ball 4, "Curly" Johnson 6, Chuck Ferrin 4.

Hongkong all-stars—Lo Chen-hoon 8, Sek Chen-chee 6, Chan Su-luk 2, Lee Pul-chick 2, Chan Su-kao 4, Tai Fook-shing 4, Chen Chui-sun 4, Leung Kok-dock 2, Siew Kit-man, Chan See-bun, Luk Tack-chang, Sek Chen-tak.

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Vichy Rejects Demands In Tokyo Peace Talks

The Council of Ministers at Vichy has rejected the Japanese mediation compromise, which would give one third of Laos and one fourth of Cambodia in French Indo-China to Thailand. Thailand's demand includes Battambang as far as the ancient temple ruins of Angkor Wat, Siem Reap and Lake Tonle-sar.

Indicative of the increasing American collaboration in Britain's economic warfare, it is forecast that President Roosevelt in the next few days will issue a Presidential proclamation increasing the scope of the export licence system to include sole leather, carbon black, jute, shellac, borax, glycerine, vegetable oils such as copra, coconut and palm oils and other goods.

The British Government has again advised Britons in Manchukuo to evacuate or else to remain at their own risk. Thirty-six members and children of the American Board Mission in North China are leaving for the United States this week. However, the majority of the Mission members are remaining in China.

Vichy, Feb. 22.

It is learned that the Council of Ministers has rejected the Japanese mediation compromise which would give one third of Laos and one fourth of Cambodia to Thailand.

The mediators at Tokyo prepared a compromise plan which would cost France one fourth of Cambodia, including Battambang as far as the ancient temple ruins of Angkor Wat, Siem Reap and Lake Tonle-sar.

At Friday's session of the Council of Ministers, the Government studied the compromise, judged it wholly unacceptable and decided to refuse it. It is learned that a telegram is now being prepared to notify Tokyo of the refusal.

Mr. Matsukata notified Vichy of the Japanese mediation plan in the absence of Admiral Darlan, who was in Paris, and pressed for an immediate reply in view of the expiration of the armistice which the French contend the Thais failed to respect.

The situation is tense because it is known that 30 Japanese warships are between Singapore and the Gulf of Siam while a large part of the rest of the fleet sailed for an unknown destination.

The Japanese compromise plan involved the French surrender of considerably more territory than the Thais originally demanded. This territory includes the rich north-west corner of Cambodia, including the important towns of Battambang, Sisophon, and Samrong and extends as far as the ruins of the ancient temple, the Angkor Wat.—United Press.

Denial of Deadlock

Bangkok, Feb. 22.

The Government to-day issued a communique denying that the peace conference is deadlocked.

It stated: "It is hoped that out of the mediation will soon come a peaceful solution, showing that our great friend, Japan, has maintained justice in the best possible way."—United Press.

Preparations for War

Hanoi, Feb. 22.

Japanese authorities in Indo-China are watching with growing concern the warlike preparation being made by French authorities in Tonkin. Coupled with orders of Admiral Jern Decoux, to all prefects of Tonkin to

prepare against all possible emergency in view of the "approaching danger" and to all able-bodied youths to stand by for possible mobilization in civil defence, and to report on stocks of foodstuffs and agricultural products on hand, it was learned, 80 French airmen who recently arrived in Haiphong, have been assigned to duties at bases near Saigon. French war materials are also being rushed from Haiphong daily.—Domet.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

A total of \$1,584,229.43 was reached on Saturday by the War Fund inaugurated by the S.C.M. Post Ltd. with the following donations:
Tobacco Dockyards "Spare Gear and Lecture" (weekly donation) \$50
Lombard Evening (fourth donation) 15
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P. S. S. Chicken Feed (weekly donation) 14.40



PACIFIC C.-INC.—in the recent reorganisation of the U.S. fleet, Rear Admiral Huband E. Kimmel, above, became Commander-in-Chief of the Pacific fleet, also taking over similar post for U.S. fleet. He will be promoted to Admiral.

Bonapartists Planning For Pretender's Return

Bonapartists are negotiating with the French Government at Vichy for the return of Napoleon's great grand-nephew so that he may become the ruler of modern France, it is reported from Switzerland.

The young Prince, last of the conquering Corsican line, is now living quietly in Switzerland, not far from the French border. To make his return possible, the Vichy Government would have to abrogate a 55-year-old law which bans any French Pretender from France.

The name of the Prince, Louis Napoleon Jerome Victor Emanuel Marie, who prefers to be called the Count of Montfort, has been mentioned frequently among French Royalists ever since Adolf Hitler returned the body of "L'Aiglon," Napoleon's only son, to Paris.

Hitler's action was described by some observers then as the possible forerunner of a Napoleonic restoration. Friends and associates of the Prince said he had not been approached thus far by the Germans. The Count of Montfort's one major rival for the throne of France is the Count of Paris, Pretender of the old Bourbon-Orleans line.

Served in Tunisia

Count Montfort's backers say that during his nation's brief war with Germany the young Prince served under the name of Louis Blanchard as an armoured car driver with the Foreign Legion in Tunisia.

Anticipating his future experience equipped him admirably for this task, his partisans asserted.

In defence to Swiss neutrality laws he now remains inactive politically in his expensive lakeside villa, which is well guarded, surrounded by barbed wire and bristling with tank barriers. This is a part of Swiss military precautions along the frontier and not solely to guard the Prince.

The author of a volume of letters compiled from Napoleonic manuscripts in the family's possession, the Prince now is engaged in completing a second volume.

Bevin Is Victim Of Whisperers

A whispering campaign had been launched to remove from office Labour Ministers, including Mr. Bevin, declared speakers at a meeting of the Lancashire and Cheshire Federation of Trades Councils.

This campaign, in the form of certain subtle attacks, had been started in the House of Commons, said Mr. W. J. Munroe, secretary of Manchester and Salford Trades and Labour Council.

It had begun, he said, with Mr. D. R. Grenfell, Minister of Mines, in regard to the coal situation, and it was being extended to Mr. Bevin, who was one of the finest Ministers they had ever had.

Mr. Ellis Smith, M.P. said recently they saw in the House members who had been docile for years, in successive Governments, showing their hostility whenever a Labour leader rose on his feet and looked like going too far and uncovering the mistakes of years.

"We need to be on guard," he declared, "against this small minority of hostile members, who are representing vested interests."

Goering Envoy To Britain

Vicars Suggestion

The suggestion that a noted Nazi airman captured in Britain recently had been sent by Goering is made in his parish magazine by the Rev. E. L. Macnassay, vicar of Mapledurham, Oxon.

Mr. Macnassay previously said of this airman, "He was one of Hitler's most confident advisers in the gentle art of murder from the air. He was his father's right-hand man in designing Nazi aircraft."

Now Mr. Macnassay says the airman was sent to England to discover why so vast a number of Nazi planes failed to return.

No Report

"He had special instructions to write a full report for Goering on his return. As like this vast number of Nazi planes, the noted man himself failed to return, Goering did not receive the full report. But the airman will be able to reflect that he discovered the reason, even if he is not able to write home and tell the Nazis all about it."

Writ Failed To Stop French Ship

The French freighter, Fort de France, 4,279 tons, sailed for Martinique from New York recently despite an attempt by the British Ministry of Shipping to hold her in port.

Also on the high seas, her destination unknown, was the 7,011-ton French tanker, Meropce, which left Philadelphia without cargo. Other French ships which have sailed from United States ports recently under similar circumstances are reportedly aiding in the French evacuation from the British Isles.

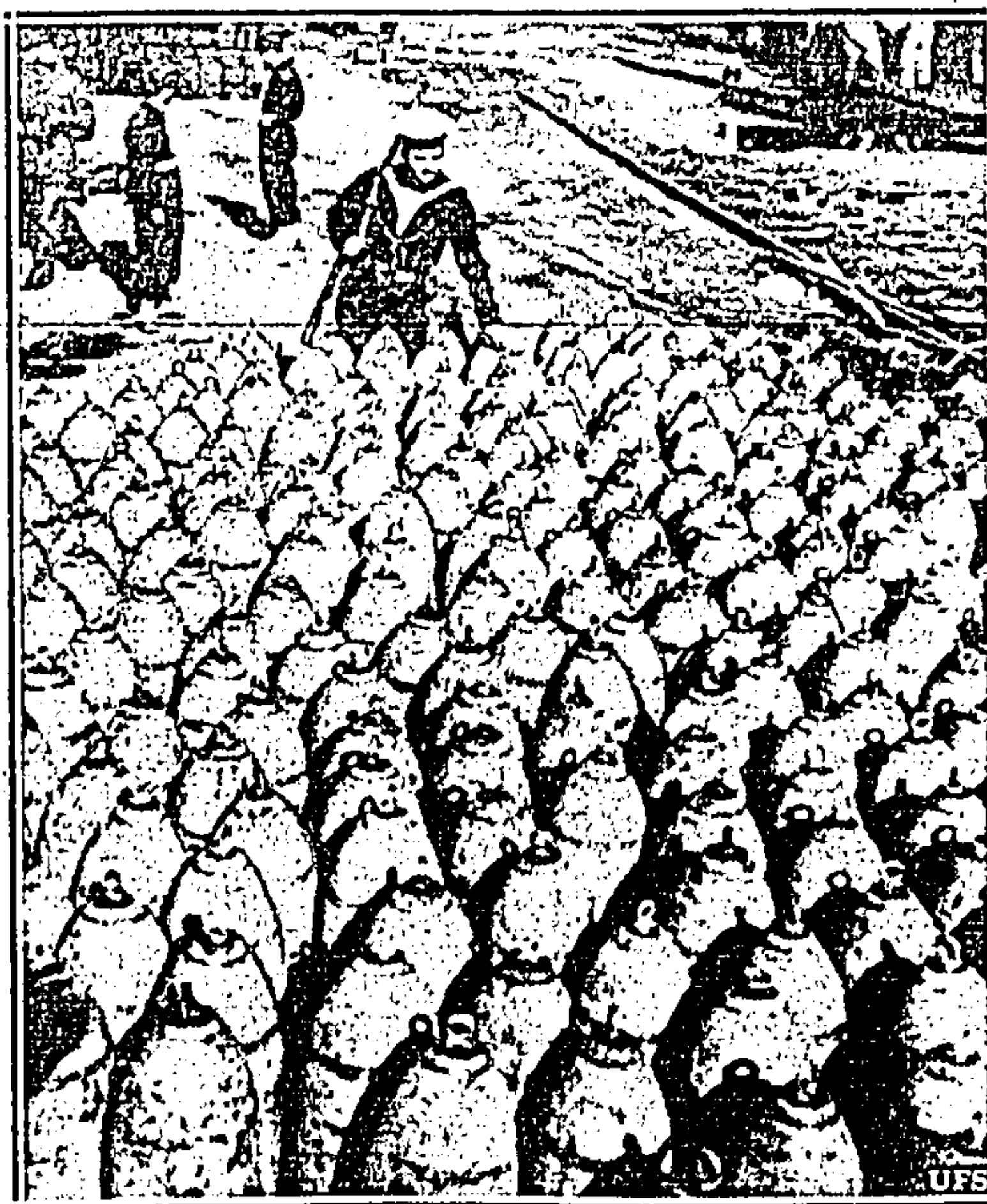
Attachment Writ

The Fort de France has been held in port in New York by a Federal writ of attachment granted on Nov. 23, pending trial of a \$145,000 libel brought by the British for alleged failure of another French merchantman to deliver a British cargo.

French line officials quietly arranged clearance. Just before court closed, they deposited a certified cheque for \$155,487, covering a libel and litigation charges, and obtained an order vacating the attachment.

CLIFF SHELTER FOR 5,000

The Erith Borough Council, in Kent, propose to construct a deep air raid shelter for 5,000 in a sandcliff. Families will be able to live there in gas-proof shelters, which will include a nursery, and an emergency maternity ward.



PRESENTS FOR ITALIANS—These are bombs stacked at quayside of Greek port that have been unloaded from transport and will supply British airmen fighting in Albania. They'll be dropped on Italians.

A.T.S. Purge—Debs May Have To Go

PRESENTATION AT COURT OR RIDING TO HOUNDS IS NO LONGER, ON ITS OWN, A SUFFICIENT QUALIFICATION FOR COMMISSIONED RANK IN THE A.T.S.

Many debutantes and duchess's daughters who obtained commissions in the early days of the war on the strength of their being "the right people," are likely to be reduced in rank.

Some of them may be called on to resign their commissions altogether.

This will be the effect of the War Office call for confidential reports on every officer in the A.T.S. organisation.

Details of the age, family, professional or other qualifications, disciplinary conduct, and personal character of every officer are asked for.

To Prove Ability

These will be carefully scrutinised in Whitehall, and those who do not come up to standard will be

reduced with the prospect of demotion.

Every officer will have to prove that she understands her work and is capable of setting a good example to the girls under her command.

Many of these Society girls, of course, will survive the test, for they are not all butterflies. Many of them have trained themselves for the duties they have to perform.

But more of the commissions in future will be going to the types of women who have held managerial and executive positions in business and commercial life.

Mysterious Strong-Arm Clan Formed In France

France's mysterious new strong-arm clan—the "GP"—is reported to be spreading its organisation throughout the "unoccupied" zone.

Husky members of the "Groupes de Protection," wearing armbands lettered "GP" and leather jackets and helmet similar to those worn by motor-cyclists, made their first public appearance on Dec. 3 in Marseilles where they assisted police in controlling the crowds during a visit by their Chief of State, Marshal Petain.

The organisation was said to be composed mainly of former mobile guardsmen or the "hard-boiled" street fighters of Jacques Doriot's French Popular Party.

Reports indicated a membership of 1,000 in Marseilles, 500 in Lyons, and additional units springing up in other cities in the unoccupied zone following activity by mysterious agents.

Means For Dictator

Some reports said it was a vigilante group. Others called it a French version of the Nazi Party's "SS" Elite Guard. Still others believed it might prove the means for a new dictator to ride to power in France over the heads of the Vichy Government.

There have been rumours from Vichy that the organisation was approved by Minister of the Interior Marcel Peyrouton. There has been no official word from Vichy sanctioning the corps, but Marshal Petain himself saw it in operation in Marseilles.

Doriot "Strong Man"

M. Doriot, a "disillusioned" Communist who later said he was incorporating the best in Communism and Fascism into his French Popular Party, long has been considered a possible "strong man" in the new France. Thus far, M. Doriot has been directing his Party from Paris.

Some "GP" members also are said to belong to Col. Francois de la Rocque's French Social Party, legal successor to the old semi-military Croix de Feu, and now called simply "French Social Progress" to comply with Vichy political rulings on parties in the unoccupied zone.

Both de la Rocque's followers and those of M. Doriot in recent years have been opposed bitterly by French Communists. There was one guess that the "GP" was a "safeguard against Communism."

New British Radio Offensive

Britain is to start a big propaganda war on enemy-occupied countries in the New Year.

The B.B.C., in collaboration with the Ministry of Information, will broadcast a bigger programme of regular news and features services all over Europe.

It is expected that British broadcasts will be heard in every Nazi-occupied territory every day for three hours longer than at the present time.

The B.B.C. does not suffer half as severely as the German radio stations from the presence of enemy raiders. Seldom, if ever, is it difficult to get some station on the British system, whereas all the German stations are "off" every night when the R.A.F. is on the job.

Woman Does Not Know Of War

A Brighton woman does not know Britain is at war.

She is Mrs. Hannah Leaver, of Ivory-place, who is 80, blind, and stone deaf.

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THEY'D LIKE TO KNOW—British newspaper men fire questions in London at Colonel William J. Donovan, "mystery man" sent to Europe by President Roosevelt. They'd like to know his mission, but he wouldn't tell.

Il Duce Tells Why Italians Losing

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thanks to the sacrifices of the workers;

(9) Italy is proud of having dared to try her strength against Britain. Peoples become great when they have the courage to take risks;

(10) To conquer the Axis the British Armies must invade the Continent—a step which no Britain would ever dream of.

Mussolini declared: "The intervention of the United States is founded on the illusion of being a democracy and also on lies of an invasion of America is fantastic and ridiculous."

He concluded by declaring that the Fascist Italian people deserve victory and would have it, for they are bearing with exemplary dignity the sacrifices asked of them. "Italy's will be the victory, and a peace with justice."

Italian Hired Hands

LONDON, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—Two hundred thousand Italian workers will arrive in Germany during the next few days, announced the German radio to-night.

This news was preceded by an announcement of the arrival in Berlin of Signor Canfori, Chief of the Fascist Labour Confederation.

The radio gave no indication of the nature of the work which the Italian visitors will do in Germany.

MENZIES' PLEDGE

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more just day dawns for the world in which our children are to live."

Expeditionary Force

Mr. Menzies said that the Australian Expeditionary Force was already an Army Corps of four divisions. "Thousands of men had already made their blows heard in Rome and desired only to deliver them at Berlin. Thousands of young Australians were entering the war with their brothers from Britain and the Dominions and were destined to see the Empire the just mistress of the air."

"Above all, inspired by the splendid example of the King and Queen, your spirit and ours is not merely defensive. It is not sufficient to avoid defeat. Between the powers of darkness and the powers of light, there can be no compromise. It is no twilight world that we are seeking."

LATE NEWS

TO-DAY'S RACE TIPS

Rooty Hill Derby
(By "Captain Foster")

The most exclusive event of to-day's meeting will be the Rooty-Hill Derby reserved for Australian Subscription Grifflins of this season and the endurance test is over 1 1/2 miles.

The great race is timed to be run off at 4 p.m.

It is reliably learned that the following will face the start, A Surprising Time (Mr L. B. Chao).

Black Seal (Mr F. Noott), Dutch Treat (Mr P. P. Dethlo), Endeavour (Mr C. B. Moller), Manhattan (Mr H. J. Hearn), National Welfare (Mr B. L. Tao), Santa-Anita (Mr S. C. Liang), United Express (Mr Ip Kuei-ying), Vitamin M. (Mr D. Black).

There is still a demand for the special dollar cash sweep on the above classic and should the sale reach the million mark, the first prize is worth \$397,000.

Selections for to-day are:

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BIRTH

CARROLL—At the Queen Mary Hospital, on February 24, to Denise (nee Thomas), wife of R. A. Carroll—a son. Both well.

DEATH

ROZARIO—At the St. Teresa's Hospital, on Sunday, February 23, 1941, at 10.15 a.m. Lourenco Augusto do Rozario (Encho), aged 84, late of Messrs Noronha & Co. Funeral will leave Anderson's Funeral Parlour at 2.10 p.m. passing the Monument at 2.30 p.m. on Monday, February 24, 1941.

POLICE RESERVE Appeal To Chinese To Join Up

An has been announced, in addition to the Police Reserve, the Government has established a corps of 500 street guards, for street patrol against crime. These guards are to be known as Special Constabulary and are to go on duty soon.

Meanwhile, Government has decided also to increase the strength of the Police Reserve. The Hon. Mr. W. Perdue, acting Commissioner of Police, issues the following appeal:

"The Police Reserve is one of the Civil Defence organisations of this Colony. It is different from other auxiliary organisations in that it has been in existence since 1927 and that its members have frequently been called upon for duty at various times since that year. In case this Colony is subjected to attack, the Police Reserve will perform an important function in supplementing the strength of the regular Police Force."

"The strength of the Police Reserve has already risen from a total of 393 in January, 1940, to a total of 990 at the present time."

"In view of the heavy task which would fall on the Police Force should hostilities extend to this Colony, it is desired to increase the Police Reserve to a total strength of 1,500 as soon as possible."

"The Reserve is composed of the Chinese Company, Indian Company, the Flying Squad and the Emergency Unit. The last three have already almost reached maximum strength and the increase now proposed in the Police Reserve must therefore be achieved mainly by an increase in the strength of the Chinese Company."

"I appeal therefore to all young men of Chinese race who have not yet joined one or other of the Colony's civil defence organisations to come forward and take their share in the defence of the Colony by joining the Police Reserve. Young men who are keen on games and an outdoor life will find the Police Reserve work attractive."

"I appeal also to all employers, both European and Chinese, to encourage Chinese young men in their employ to volunteer for the Police Reserve, and where necessary to grant them facilities for training and duty. In present circumstances this should not involve any interference with their normal work as both training and duty are carried on outside office hours. The training for the Police Reserve is divided into three parts: Part I, Squad Drill; Part II, Knowledge of Police duty; Part III, Handling and firing of revolvers."

"After training the work of Police Reservists is similar in all respects to that of members of the regular Police Force. Police Reservists are now doing duty to supplement the regular Police Force."

Applications to join the Police Reserve should be addressed to the Deputy Commissioner of Police Reserve, who will be glad to supply any further information required."

GERMAN PRESSMEN REMOVED

The American Association of Foreign Press Correspondents has removed from its rolls two active members mentioned in the Dies Committee "White Paper" on un-American activities and has accepted the resignation as an associate member of Dr. Hans Borchers, German Consul General.

These developments were disclosed recently in the Association's official bulletin.

Fred Kreutzenstein, who had listed himself as correspondent for several Brazilian papers, was expelled. Dr. Herbert Gross, American correspondent for the "Nachrichten fuer Ausenhandel," official organ of the German Ministry of Economics, resigned under fire.

Both had been charged formally with "unprofessional conduct."

Third Honeymoon With Second Of Three Wives

Stan Laurel, of Laurel and Hardy, film comedians, is on his third honeymoon with the second of his three wives.

She is Ruth Virginia Laurel. In 1933 she was the second Mrs. Laurel.

She divorced Laurel in 1934, remarried him in 1935, divorced him last month after an elopement to Las Vegas (Nevada).

Ruth Virginia was content with five per cent. of his earnings when she applied for alimony.

Laurel pays his first wife, Lois, £240 a month.

Laurel's third wife was Vera Illiana, blonde Russian dancer, "A Nightmare."

Complaining that his first two marriages were "nightmare" of her marriage, she sought separate maintenance. She asked £375 a month. Resisting her claim, Laurel said in December, 1939, that, despite a salary of £40,000 a year, he was practically penniless.

Laurel married his third wife three times—the second time because his first wife said the marriage was not legal, and the third time "just to make sure."

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STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued Saturday says:

The feature of the market to-day was a sharp rise in Electric, as a result of the announcement made yesterday of a new issue of shares and a declaration of dividend.

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An exhibition of Chinese paintings by Mr. Fong Yung-ting and several members of the Reform Club is being held on the second floor of St. Francis Hotel. The exhibition, which opened on Saturday, will be concluded at 8 o'clock this evening. Admission is free.

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IL DUCE-APOLOGIST: TELLS ITALIANS WHY COUNTRY IS LOSING

LONDON, FEB. 23 (REUTER).—THE DIFFICULTIES OF THE FIGHT IN WHICH ITALY IS ENGAGED "NOT ONLY IN THE MEDITERRANEAN BUT ABOVE ALL ON THE WIDELY SEPARATED FRONTS OF THE WAR AGAINST BRITISH WORLD POWER," WERE EXPLAINED BY MUSSOLINI TO-DAY IN A SPEECH FROM ROME ADDRESSED TO THE "ITALIAN PEOPLE AND THE WORLD."

London Is Not Very Impressed

Analysis Of Duce's
Speech

LONDON, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—While official London comment on Mussolini's speech is not available, defensive character of the speech is regarded as noteworthy in authoritative quarters. The statement that Italy has been at war since 1935 or 1922 is, it is pointed out, clearly designed to counter criticism against Il Duce and the Fascists that they had led the country needlessly into war in June, 1940.

Il Duce held out no prospect that Italy's position would improve by her own efforts but hope was pinned on German assistance and strength. Il Duce admitted that there was no hope of reinforcing Italian East Africa and acknowledged the immense industrial potential of the United States.

Brawl Over Song

U.S. Minister Said Involved

SOFIA, Feb. 23 (Dome).—It is reported that Mr. George H. Earle, United States Minister to Bulgaria, suffered an arm injury as the result of a brawl in a restaurant over the song "Tipperary."

Beaverbrook Directs Attention to New R.A.F.

LONDON, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—Britain's growing air strength was stressed by Lord Beaverbrook, Minister of Aircraft Production, broadcasting to Canada to-day.

Lord Beaverbrook stated: "The strength of our reserves no longer occupies our attention. We give our thoughts rather to now types, to longer flights, to more striking power, to greater altitude and to swifter pursuit."

Il Duce expressed his complete conviction that the struggle would come to a "victorious conclusion," declaring that it was the will of Fascist Italy.

Mussolini, who was speaking at a meeting of the Dascio di Combattimenti del Urbe, declared that he had come to break the silence which was "dear to him, especially in time of war." Italy, he said, had been at war not eight months but six years, namely since January 3, 1935.

Alluding to General Franco's appeal at the time of the Spanish Civil War, Il Duce said: "We could not turn a deaf ear. It was our duty to go to his help."

He proceeded, "Really we have been at war since October 28, 1922, when we rose against the plutocratic, masonic and capitalist world. In September, 1939, we were on the eve of war. We could not wait to be entirely ready, for history seized by the throat."

"Italy immobilised immense enemy forces and so assisted the Germans to win their brilliant victories."

"After France, there remained enemy No. 1 against whom we shall fight to the last drop of our blood. Italy has always had to engage in distant and difficult wars."

Referring to Libya as "a most important strategic point," Mussolini stated that between October 1, 1937, and January 31, 1941, more than 14,000 officers and 350,000 men, comprising two armies—the Fifth and the Tenth—were sent to Libya, and also 1,900 guns of all calibres and the most recent type, more than 15,300 machine guns, 11,000,000 shells, more than 1,000,000,000 rounds of ammunition, for automatic weapons, 24,000 tons of clothing and 750 armoured cars.

"These figures show that careful preparations were made. The soldiers who are fighting in the Empire with hope of reinforcements are those who are further away but nearest to our hearts."

Italy Forestalled!

The battle which started on December 9 and brought the enemy to Benghazi "forestalled us by a few days."

Mussolini added: "We do not lie like the hypocritical British. We resist strongly, sometimes furiously. We shall always tell the truth. We shall repudiate every falsehood. The events of the past months have only sharpened our hatred."

Referring to Greece as "the last British rampart in the Balkans," Mussolini said that Greece would not renounce the British guarantee. It was necessary to face up to her and on this point there was absolute agreement in all responsible military quarters.

Mussolini described the Italian soldiers in Albania as "superb, writing the pages of legendary glory," and declared that Greek losses were very high. He said that spring would come soon and with it the Italians' turn.

Italo-Nazi Co-operation

He declared that British losses were also heavy and ridiculed the statement that the British lost only 2,000 men. He added: "Since Taranto, the course of the war has been unfavourable to us but our strength of recovery is tremendous. It is the last battle which counts. Victory of the Axis is absolutely sure. Britain cannot win. Whatever happens, Italy will march with Germany to the end."

Not expected that payment in full for such an adventure would be made on this side of the Channel.

No matter what happened, there was never a need for Anglo-Saxons to hang their heads in shame when they were told the story of Britain's battle for freedom. Canadians would say for countless generations that they were descended from the English stock that fought so valiantly. It was glory to be allowed to march in the great crusade for freedom under the leadership of Mr Churchill.

At the annual race meeting on Tuesday last, a prominent water-polo player, and was a particularly successful one, was a particularly successful one.

ALBANIA

Italian Aviation
Extends Radius

(BY "REUTER" ON THE ALBANIAN FRONTIER)

Feb. 23.—The Greeks are attacking sharply to-day in the Skumbi and Devoli River valleys, south-east of El Bassan.

On the extreme right, activity was confined to artillery duels.

Air activity was more marked, especially by Italian planes which attacked Greek positions and communications.

At mid-day, four Savoia Marchetti bombers landed in the neighbourhood of the Florina frontier area in Greek Macedonia far behind the battlefield.

INDIAN NAVY TRAINING PLAN

BOMBAY, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—A total of 468 Indian boys are training for the Indian Navy near Karachi under 100 officers and instructors.

Sixty of them will graduate immediately having had 18 months of intensive training, including gunnery, engineering and wireless. Fresh batches are constantly being taken.

"Reuters" special correspondent, after a visit to the training ship, was struck by the discipline and efficiency and the eagerness of the boys to acquire creditably when drafted into the Indian Navy.

Special Racing Editions

The "Telegraph" will produce special racing editions this afternoon in connection with the resumption of the annual racing carnival.

These extra editions will include not only the result of the Rooty-Hill Derby, but complete results and cash sweep winning tickets of the day's programme. The last "Extra" will be on the streets shortly after 6 o'clock.

Ex-King Alfonso Reported Not Dead

Latest Rome Message

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"—It is believed that the ex-King Alfonso of Spain is still alive. According to a "United Press" message from Rome, received in Hongkong this morning, the ex-king was alive at 8.30 last night.

This was revealed in an official bulletin which declared that Alfonso's condition "continued to be grave."

Earlier, it was intimated that members of the Spanish royal family had revealed that Alfonso listened to the radio version of Mussolini's speech.

A Buenos Aires message says that the Spanish Embassy lowered their flag to halfmast when a member of the Consulate staff reported that Alfonso was dead, but a re-check brought a reply from both the Embassy and Consulate staffs that nothing was known about the ex-king's death, although it was expected.

They also declined to explain why the flag was put at halfmast.

Rushes To Bedside

VICHY, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—The Duke of Alba, Spanish Ambassador to Britain, was expected at Lisbon to-day on his way to Rome, according to a Lisbon despatch to the "Havas" agency.

The Duke, an intimate friend of the late ex-King Alfonso, was hurrying to his bedside.

ROME, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—Cardinal Maglione, Papal Secretary of State, visited Alfonso in the afternoon and they talked for some minutes. Alfonso, who received the visitor sitting in an armchair, conversed with perfect lucidity.

Success for Combined British & Ethiopian Patriotic Troops

CAIRO, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—A combined force of British and Abyssinian patriot troops has occupied Shogali on the Blue Nile in Abyssinia.

Announcing this, a British communique says: that an enemy counter-attack was repulsed, leaving over 150 dead on the field of battle, while the British were slight.

Customs Pass Tragedy

Fung Kwok-wa, compradore of the Green Island Cement Company, is one of the figures in what might be a double tragedy which occurred yesterday. Around midnight yesterday, he was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital suffering from typhoid poisoning and wounds to his throat.

His wife, second figure in the tragedy, was Chui Lo-fan, alias Tai Shau-kam, who is dead from severe wounds to the head and throat, believed to have been inflicted by a chopper.

The deceased woman resided at 32, Fook Wing Street, second floor, and the ghastly discoveries were made in an unnumbered bungalow in Customs Pass.

The woman died this morning. Amateur Jockey Mr. Fung was a well-known amateur jockey, and rode Lovely Star for second place in the Amoy Handicap at the annual race meeting on Tuesday last.

He was also a prominent water-polo player, and was a particularly successful one.

RED ARMY CELEBRATION

—23rd Year

MOSCOW, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—The Soviet Red Army celebrated the 23rd anniversary of its formation to-day.

The occasion was marked by a speech by General Tyulenev, Commander of the Moscow military district, in which he extolled and outlined the progress made by the Army, recalling that breaking of Finland's Mannerheim Line last year was an example of the high stage of development of military technique.

Various new military appointments are also announced and foreign military attaches were entertained to tea by the Soviet Chief of Staff at the official residence of the Foreign Commissar.

In the newspaper, "Pravda," the Deputy Naval Commissar, Admiral Iskov, writes that the Soviet Navy has formed a Danube Flotilla and declares that this is the last of the Soviet Navy's developments.

LONDON, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—The Admiralty announces that the trawler Ormonde has been sunk.

RACING CARNIVAL RESUMES

Course Recovers

The weather was fine, though rather overcast, when the annual race meeting resumed to-day after a lapse of five days. However indications were that the sun would be shining in the afternoon.

Interest to-day is almost wholly centred on the Rooty-Hill Derby, on which there is the monster sweepstake, carrying a first prize of at least \$300,000. By 11.30 this morning the number of tickets sold had reached the 998,000 mark.

A big field of 16 starters went out for the first race this morning—the Albany Stakes. V. V. Needa steered King's Flight home to an easy win by four lengths.

The course appeared to have recovered well from last week's heavy rains, and the going was reasonably good.

Results:

1.—ALBANY STAKES.—For Australian Subscription ponies of 1941. Winners barred. Jockey allowance. One and a quarter miles.

950 DYNASTY'S King's Flight 152 lb. (H. C. Phil) 1
537 LEE BROS' Lex Fort 152 lb. (M. M. Sokoloff) 2
531 C. H. CHAN'S Burle 152 lb. (C. D. Moller) 3

16 starters.
Won by four lengths; length and half.
Time—2:22.
Parti-mutuel—Winner \$14.60. Places \$6.20, \$4.70, \$3.50.

2.—RACING STAKES.—For China ponies, bona fide Griffins of this Meeting. Winners barred. Jockey allowance. One mile.

974 LAN'S World Fair View 152 lb. (H. C. Phil) 1
970 MARBER'S Palber 152 lb. (L. B. Chao) 2
973 COLLENE'S Sam's Choice 152 lb. (D. Black) 3

Won by many lengths; a head.
Time—1:53.
Parti-mutuel—Winner \$16.20. Places \$6.60, \$5.00, \$4.10.

3.—CHATER CUP.—Presented. For Australian ponies, Griffins of this meeting. From the 1 1/2 mile post (about half mile 170 yards).

976 LAN'S Distant View 152 lb. (H. C. Phil) 1
971 MARBER'S Palber 152 lb. (L. B. Chao) 2
973 COLLENE'S Sam's Choice 152 lb. (D. Black) 3

Won by many lengths; a head.
Time—1:53.
Parti-mutuel—Winner \$16.20. Places \$6.60, \$5.00, \$4.10.

4.—RACE 4.—\$2,720.50
No. 2018 707.50
No. 464 707.50
No. 5048 308.00

Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 1181, 5772, 1780, 2071.

5.—RACE 5.—\$2,720.50
No. 207 778.50
No. 6121 389.40

Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 3317, 5270, 2100, 5758, 438, 1304, 4705, 1022, 5050, 6109, 214, 1062, 5240.

LATEST

BIG SWEEP DRAW

Draw for the monster \$1 sweepstake on the Rooty-Hill Derby took place early this afternoon and resulted as follows:

PNIES	TICKET NUMBERS
A Fine Time	570488
Amulet Star	507424
Angel of Glory	18874
Assault	330753
Araby II	240120
Archber	278908
A Surprising Time	920718
Baggage Master	292069
Battle	103128
Beindmeier	270572
Bendigo	504430
Black Seal	103387
Bona Vacantia	627201
Backfastleigh	404774
Casino	640434
Castle Hill	511159
Corriedoo	825255
Corsair	123731
Corvette	443247
Daylight	305008
Dignitas	805825
Double Dutch	705419
Dutch Treat	457631
Endeavour	700719
Hawthorn Love	958540
Hole in One	91082
Joan	724017
Jungle Love	949070
Just Gentium	952810
King's Flight	543051
Leading Star	710544
Lex Fort	370980
Loadstar	70608
Looksee	440407
Macy	127020
Mainsail	350084
Manhattan	786034
Moonlight	201672
National Welfare	897280
Never-Never	930703
Newborn Star	928338
Newmarket Day	706454
Ogle	109047
Optima Fide	358418
Red Rabbit	611399
Riverbridge	877014
Royal Sovereign	835554
Santa-Anita	60248
Saratoga	512954
Seal River	550772
Snow White	802862
Starlight View	38428
Strathalbyn	145352
Sunspot	130377
Swellow	247738
Sydney Diamond	701803
Sydney Lady	701803
The Hawk	728200
Tobaccochip	647224
Trade Wind	727200
Twinkling Star	184120
United Express	538127
Vicar	202733
Vitamin M	521674
Willow	656164
Zadderdar	554025

Big Sweep Sales Total 1,000,000

The Rooty-Hill \$1 Sweepstake sales reached precisely the 1,000,000 mark before the sweepstake closed at noon to-day.

It is announced, that unless there is a dead heat, the prizes will be as follows:

1st \$307,600
2nd \$113,000
3rd \$50,000

Unplaced ponies and non-starters \$2,253.07 each.

The total prize monies for distribution amounts to \$710,000. Commission totals \$100,000 which will be divided between China War Relief and British War Bonds, while tax amounts to \$100,000.

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Sharp Differences In Tokyo Negotiations

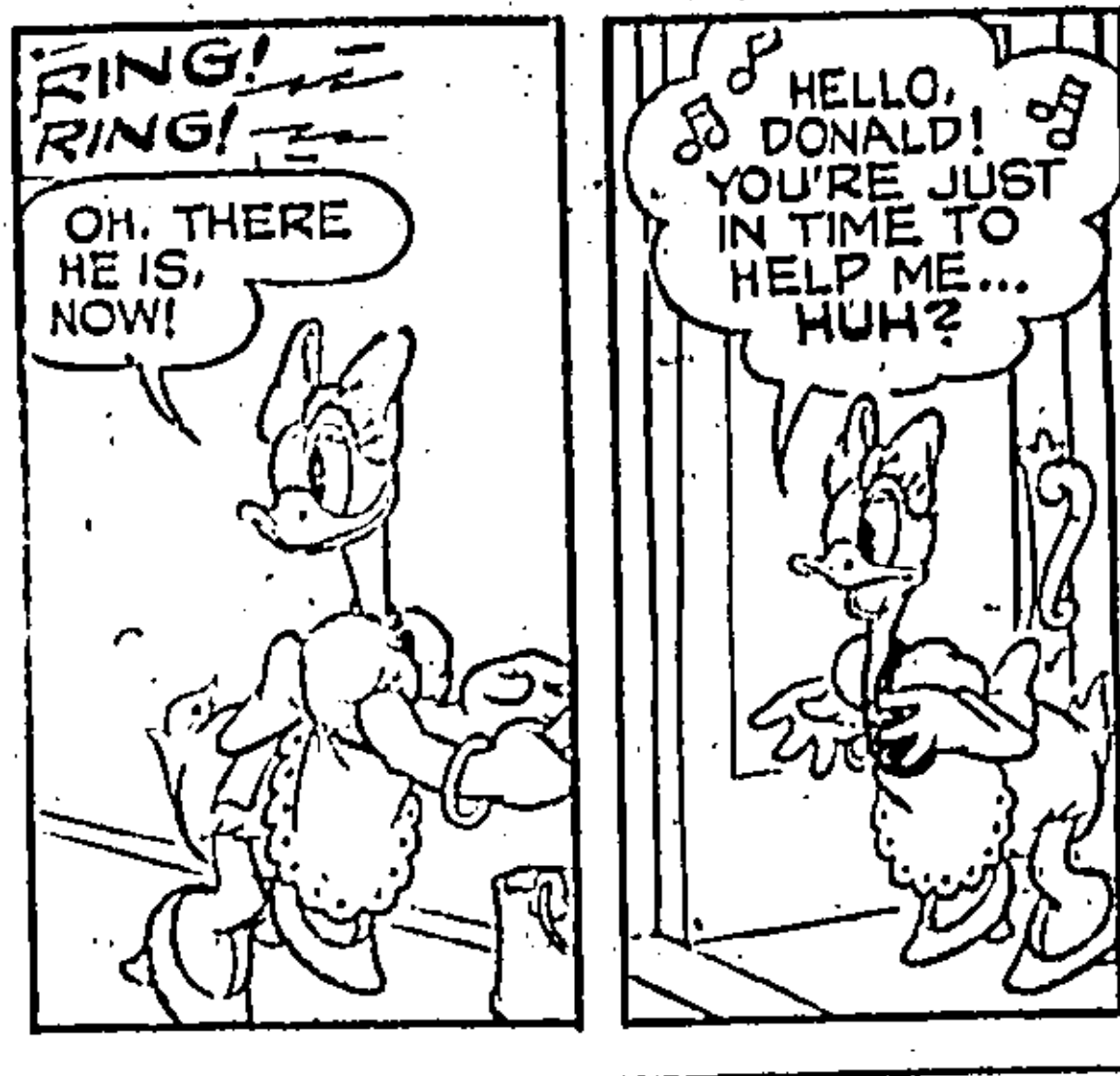
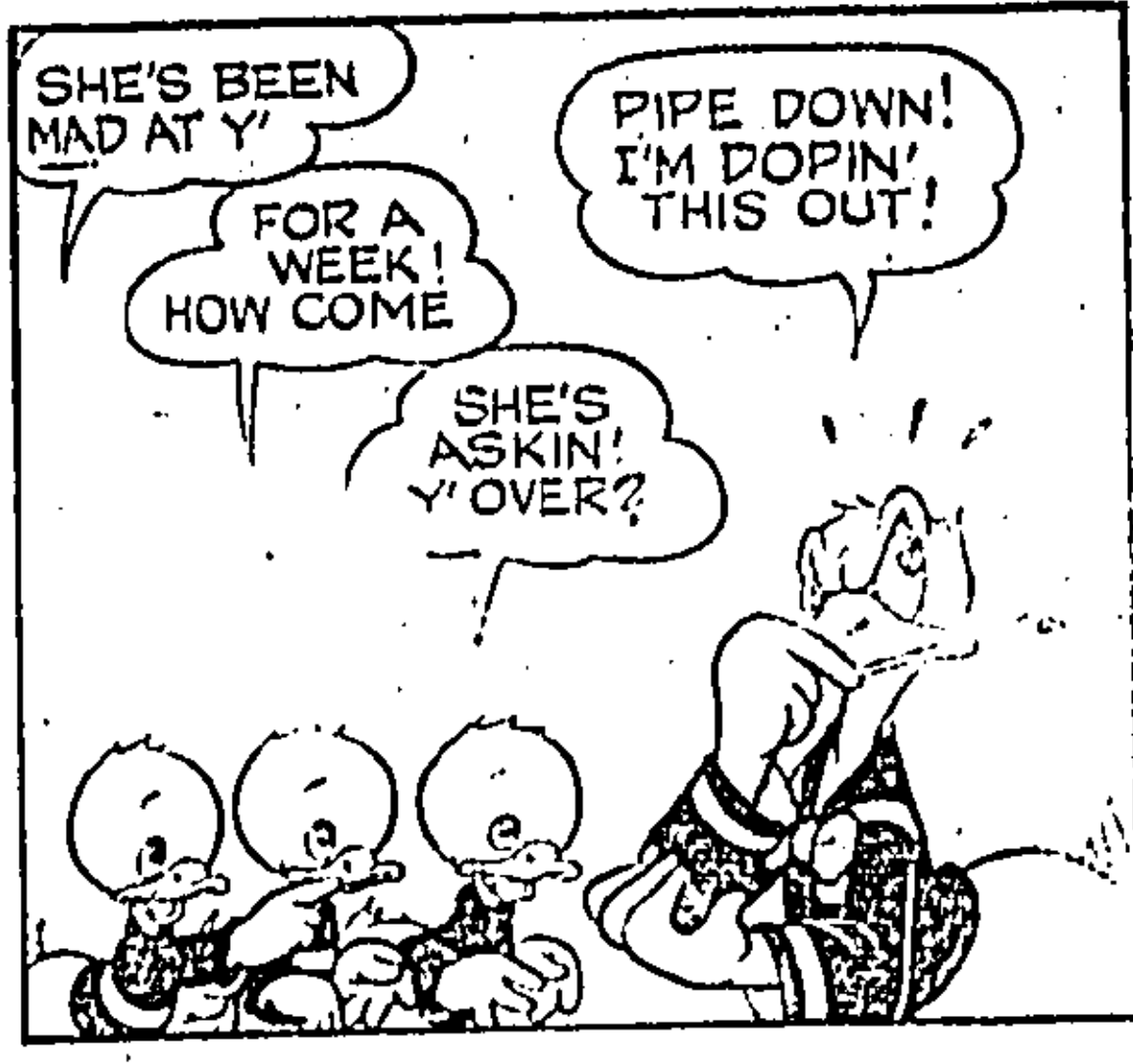
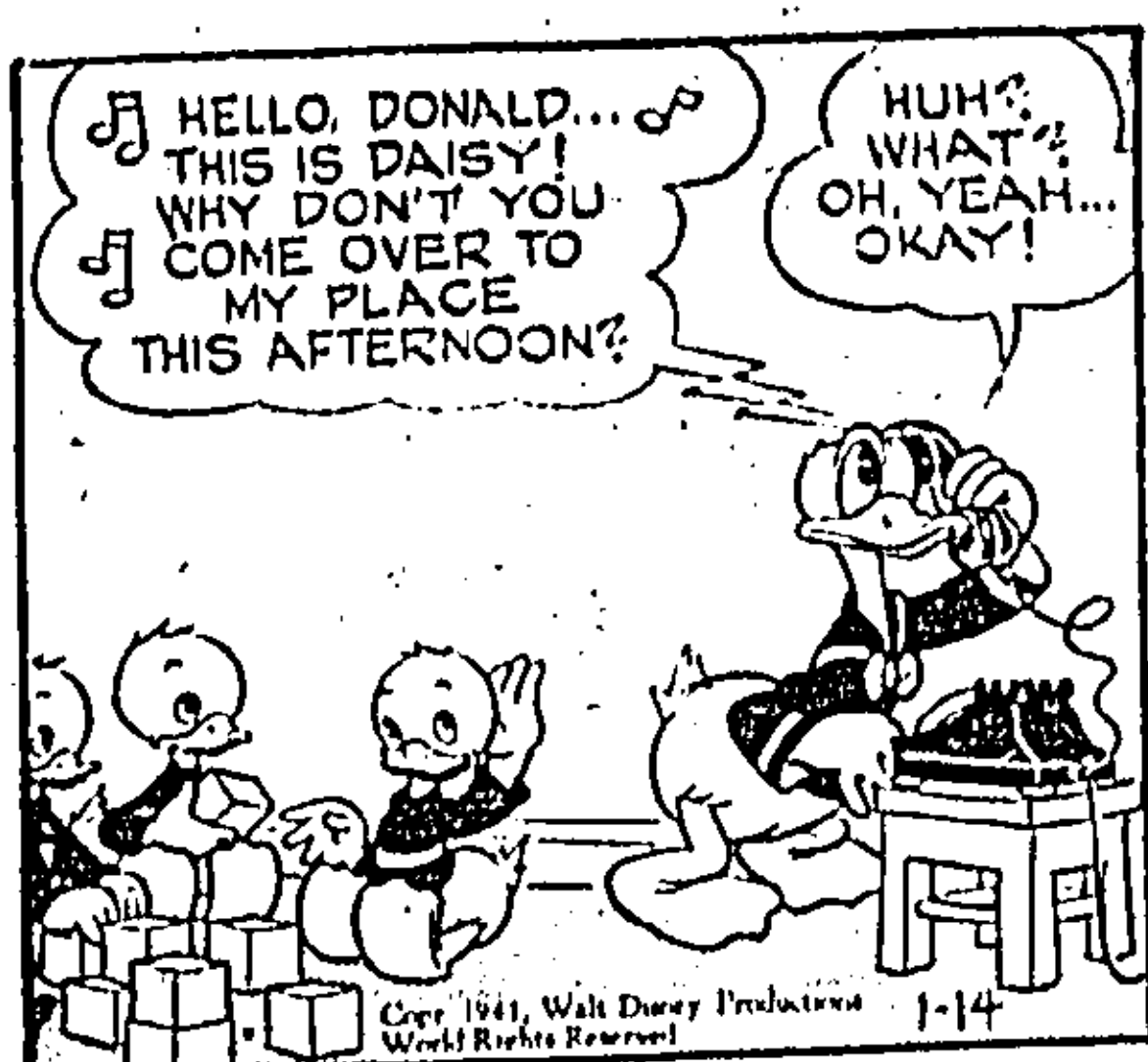
Special to the "Telegraph"

SAIGON, Feb. 23 (UP).—Authoritative and informed quarters, while admitting that serious differences exist between Indo-China, Thai and the Tokyo negotiators, declare that the negotiations have not been broken off.

Meanwhile the Laos-Thai violation of the armistice agreement has been partly corrected, and as a result the French several days ago agreed to continue negotiations.

Although it is hoped that the differences can be bridged before the armistice period expires, the civil and military authorities are giving the situation their closest attention, and many recent actions indicate that the Indo-China Government would be prepared should a stubborn Thai stand prevent the successful signing of peace.

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AID TO ALLIES—Former Senator Ernest W. Gibson of Vermont, who replaced William Allen White, editor of the Emporia, Kas., Gazette, as chairman of the Committee to Defend America by Aiding the Allies. Mr. White resigned after his statements were criticised by the Committee.



THE DEAD END KIDS

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THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

NOTICE

It is hereby notified that the following increases in the Company's standard charges will be made for current consumed in respect of accounts issued for meters read on and after 21st March, 1941:—

1. For Lighting from 15 cents to 16 cents per unit.
2. For Power and Heating from 5 cents to 5½ cents per unit.
3. The discount of 10% on Power accounts in excess of 1,000 units per month will be discontinued.

By order of the Board of Directors,

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.
Agents.

THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LIMITED

NOTICE is hereby given that the TWENTY SECOND ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of this Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company No. 10, Des Voeux Road Central, on Saturday, the 8th March, 1941, at 2.00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1940.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from Saturday, 1st March, 1941 to Saturday, 8th March, 1941, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
KAN TONG PO,
Chief Manager,
Hongkong, 20th February, 1941.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Fifty-second Ordinary Yearly Meeting will be held at the Company's Registered Office, 4th Floor, P. & O. Building, on Thursday, 20th March, 1941, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1940 and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 8th March to 20th March, 1941, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By order of the Board of Directors,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.
Agents,
Hong Kong, 21st February, 1941.

NOTICE

DEFENCE REGULATIONS 1940

The following rates will be charged for mailing single copies of the following newspapers abroad:—

South China Morning Post

China and Macao

16 cents per copy

British Empire and Foreign

25 cents per copy

The Hongkong Telegraph

China and Macao

14 cents per copy

16 cents Saturdays

British and Foreign

20 cents per copy

28 cents Saturdays.

BANK HOLIDAY

The Exchange Banks will open at 9.30 a.m. and will close at 12 noon for the transaction of exchange business on Tuesday, the 25th February, 1941. (Race Meeting).

Hongkong, 22nd February, 1941.

THE "STAR" FERRY CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FORTY-THIRD ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF THIS COMPANY will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Friday, the 28th February, 1941, at 11.00 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1940.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Wednesday, the 19th February, 1941, to Friday, the 28th February, 1941, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,
C. M. MANNERS,
Secretary and Manager,
Hongkong, 12th February, 1941.

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The Head Office in London undertakes Executor & Trustee business and claims recovery of British Income Tax overpaid, on terms which may be ascertained at any of its Agencies and Branches.

R. A. CANIDGE, Manager.

Hong Kong, 21st February, 1941.

Hoare Still In Turkey

On Way To Egypt

ISTANBUL, Feb. 23 (Reuter).

Sir Reginald Hoare, former British Ambassador in Bucharest, is leaving here tonight for Ankara. Sir Reginald, who is on his way to Egypt, is expected to remain one day in the Turkish capital as the guest of the British Ambassador, Sir Hugh Knatchbull-Hugessen.

Japanese Youth Attempts Record

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

KOBE, Feb. 23 (Domel).—Seeking to establish a new Japanese record for a sustained glider flight, Seichi Yoshikawa, 24, took off at 2.07 p.m. on Saturday for Akenogahara airfield, in Mie prefecture, from atop Mount Rokko. The airline distance between the two points is about 90 miles. Yoshikawa and his assistants have been waiting at the top of Mount Rokko, since February 1, awaiting favourable wind and weather conditions.

Soviet Denies Influence

MOSCOW, Feb. 23 (Reuter).

The "Tass" agency is authorised to deny that Russia had anything to do with the signing of the Turco-Bulgarian Pact as reported by a Swiss newspaper.

Exchange At A Glance

SELLING	
T.T. London	1/2 3/4
Demand London	1/2 3/4
T.T. Shanghai	420
T.T. Singapore	52 3/4
T.T. Japan	102 1/2
T.T. India	82 1/2
T.T. U.S.A.	24
T.T. Manila	45
T.T. Batavia	45
T.T. Bangkok	140 1/2
T.T. Saigon	104
T.T. Switzerland	102
T.T. Australia	1/8 1/2

BUYING	
4 m/s L/C London	1/3 1/4
4 m/s D/P London	1/3 1/4
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	24 3/4
4 m/s France	Nom.
30 d/s India	84 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.02 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	4.03 1/4

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS

H.K. Bank \$ c.d. 1,400 n.

H.K. Bank £ x. d. 73 n.

H.K. Bank (H.K.) £ x. d. 73 n.

Chartered £ 73 n.

Mercantile, A. & B. £ 23 n.

Mercantile, C. £ 11 3/4 n.

East Asia £ 70 n.

Canons \$ 215 b.

Union \$ 411 b.

China Underwriters \$ 1 n.

H.K. Fire \$ 170 b.

Douglas \$ 135 n.

Steamboats \$ 9 n.

Indo-China P. \$ 100 n.

Indo-China D. \$ 60 n.

Shell (Beavers) \$/s 40 7/8 n.

Waterbores \$ 7 n.

DOCKS ETC.

Wharves \$ 90 n.

Docks (old) \$ 17.80 n.

Docks (new) \$ 17 n.

Providents \$ 5 1/2 n.

Shai Dockyards \$ 28 n.

Kallan \$/s 18 n.

Raubs \$ 8 n.

H.K. Mines 1 1/4 cts. n.

LANDS

Hotel \$ 3.60 n.

Lands \$ 33 3/4 n.

Lands 4% Debentures 97 1/2 b.

Shai Lands Sh. \$ 11.00 n.

Humphreys \$ 7.05 n.

H.K. Realities \$ 3.40 n.

Chinese Estates \$ x. d. 98 n.

UTILITIES

Trams 17 1/2 n.

Peaks Trams (old) \$ 7 1/2 n.

Peaks Trams (new) \$ 3 1/2 n.

Star Ferries \$ 57 n.

Y. Ferries \$ 24 1/2 n.

China Lights (old) 0 1/4 n.

China Lights (new) 1.07 1/2 n.

H.K. Electric (old) \$ 42 1/4/42 3/4 n.

H.K. Electric (new) \$ 42 n.

Macao Electric (old) 17 1/4 n.

Macao Electric (new) \$ 17 n.

Sandakan Light \$ 12 n.

Telephones (old) \$ 24 1/2 n.

Telephones (new) \$ 20 n.

INDUSTRIALS

Cold: Macg. (Ord.) Sh. \$ 30 n.

Cold: Macg. (Pref.) Sh. \$ 25 n.

Canton Ices \$ 1 n.

Cement \$ 17 1/2 n.

H.K. Ropes \$ 0 1/4 n.

STORES, &c.

Dairy Farms \$ 10.20 n.

Watsons \$ 10.05 n.

Lane Crawford \$ 7 1/4 n.

Sinceres \$ 2.15 n.

Wing On (H.K.) \$ 30 n.

Powell Ltd. \$ 1.90 n.

COTTON MILLS

Ewo Sh. \$ 43 3/4 n.

Shai Cotton Sh. \$ 200 n.

MISC.

H.K. Govt 4% (1934) 07 n.

H.K. Govt 3 1/2% (1934) 05 n.

H.K. Govt 3 1/2% (1940) 04 n.

Ch Govt 5% 1925 GSDs 42 1/4 n.

H.K. Entertainments \$ 7 n.

Constructions (old) \$ 1.00 n.

Constructions (new) \$ 7 n.

Vibro Piling \$ 7.70 n.

Miramans Inv. (Lon.) \$/s 0/3 n.

Miramans Inv. (H.K.) \$/s 2/0 n.

RADIO

ZBW, 355 metres (845 k.c.) and 31.45 metres (9,520 kilo-cycles)

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Radio Programme Broadcast by ZBW on a Frequency of 845 k.c. and on Short Wave from 1-2.15 p.m. and 8-11 p.m. on 0.52 m.c.s. per second.

H.K.T. 12.15 p.m. Short Service of Inter-cession.

12.30 Selections from Verdi's Opera.

1.0 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Dance Music by Ambrose and His Orchestra.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press. Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Rite Da Costa at the Piano.

1.55 Hawaiian Vocal Selections.

2.15 Close down.

5.45 Indian Programme.

6.30 Closing local Stock Quotations.

6.32 Musical Comedy Selections.

Swing Along—Selection... Derby Somers Band with Vocal Chorus.

Comedyland... Columbia Light Opera Company with Orchestra. Conversation Piece Selection: My Weakness—Selection... Patricia Rossborough (Piano); It's Love Again—Selection; Queen of Hearts—Selection... Sydney Kite and His Pledgilly Hotel Band with Vocal Chorus.

7.0 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—A Talk.

7.30 Grief—Peer Gynt Suite, No. 2, Op. 55.

Ingrid's Lament—Arabian Dance—The Return of Peer Gynt—Solveig's Song—New Light Symphony Orchestra conducted by Eugene Goossens.

7.45 Studio—An appeal for Volunteers for the Police Reserve by the Hon. Mr. G. C. Perdue, Acting Commissioner of Police.

7.50 Grief—Elegiac Melodies, Op. 34.

London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Eugene Goossens.

8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 This week's programmes.

8.07 Tangos.

Do You Like Dancing? (Rosen); Night of Love Divine. (Dostal).... Dajos Bela Dance Orchestra.

8.15 London Relay—"Hi Gang"

9.0 London Relay—The News.

9.15 London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

10.0 London Relay—News from Home by Howard Marshall.

10.15 Dance Music.

11.0 Close down.

11.05 Dance Music.

11.10 Close down.

11.15 Dance Music.

11.20 Close down.

11.25 Dance Music.

11.30 Close down.

11.35 Dance Music.

11.40 Close down.

11.45 Dance Music.

11.50 Close down.

11.55 Dance Music.

12.00 Close down.

12.05 Dance Music.

12.10 Close down.

12.15 Dance Music.

12.20 Close down.

12.25 Dance Music.

12.30 Close down.

12.35 Dance Music.

12.40 Close down.

12.45 Dance Music.

Hongkong News of the Week

A Page For The Evacuees

Monday

February 17

Farewell to Colleagues. Mr. R. H. E. Marks, Assistant Superintendent of Police, and Inspector S. Shephard, who are due to leave for Australia on retirement shortly, were given a farewell party at the Police Recreation Club to-night.

Inspector Post, Chairman of the Club, called on the Police Commissioner, Hon. Mr. C. G. Percie, to present mementos to the guests.

The evening was marked by a most successful concert, the artists being mainly members of the Force. Among those who contributed items were Mr. Marks, Mr. A. Spary, Cpl. Edwards, Sgt. Reynolds, Sgt. Renzie, P. O. Edgar, Sgt. Hayward, Sgt. Renzie, Mr. Doherty and the Great Marlin, L.M.M. who, assisted by Sgt. Renzie, entertained the gathering with an exhibition of legendariness of his customary high standard.

Master of Ceremonies for the night was Sgt. Billingham.

Big Increase in Dysentery. The heavy increase in the number of cases of dysentery reported in the Colony last week is attributed by the authorities to bad food plus improper cooking due to the prohibitive cost of firewood.

According to the returns of the Medical Department, the number of cases of dysentery on Thursday was 23 compared with only two the previous day, and the figure for Friday was 12.

It was stated to-day that at present the price of firewood is about the same as that of rice before the war. At that time one dollar would buy 20 cabbages of rice, while in the Colony at present one dollar buys only 22 cabbages of rice.

Human Report. Chinese reports say that Japanese naval bases in Hainan Island have just been completed after twenty months of work. They are Yulin, in the south, Changlun, in the east, and Hsin-pang, in the west. These include aerodromes, hangars, work shops and all installations. Some of the barracks have been modernised.

Mr. Anderson, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Anderson, of Kowloon, was educated at the Diocesan Boys' School and graduated from Hongkong University. In 1932 he went to London and read for the Bar at Gray's Inn. He was admitted as a barrister in the Supreme Court of Hongkong on December 1, 1936.

Mr. Anderson is also an officer in the H.K.V.D.C.

Appearing for the defence in a shop-lifting case on Saturday, Mr. Percy Chen took the opportunity to express, on behalf of himself and his colleagues, regret at the departure of Mr. Himsforth.

Replying, his Worship said that he regretted having to leave the Court but circumstances did not allow him to remain. He expressed thanks to barristers and solicitors for their kind help in the past and for their good wishes.

Mother Mary Motta.—The death occurred at 3 a.m. to-day of Mother Mary Motta, at the age of 38. She passed away at St. Francis Hospital, Wanchai, after a long illness.

Mother Motta was a member of the Staff of St. Mary's School, and had been in the Colony for ten years. She was held in the greatest affection by all who knew her.

Successful A.R.P. Test.—Testing of the duct ventilation system in the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Building this morning was very satisfactory, but the tests could not be completed owing to a misunderstanding with the co-ops.

"The system of ventilation worked very well indeed," said Mr. R. H. Puckle, Deputy Director of A.R.P., "and very good results were recorded; but the objects of the tests were to compare two different methods of ventilation. We cannot say which is the best until we have carried out the second test. A certain number of Europeans were in the worst part of the tunnel, and appeared none the worse after the test."

About 1,500 coolies were used in the test, which lasted two and a half hours. The exhaust fan system of ventilation will be tested tomorrow.

Farewell Presentation.—Colleagues and friends of Inspector Sidney Shephard, Divisional Inspector, South, presented him with a silver model of a junk and a gold Rolex watch at the Water Police Station, as a memento on the occasion of his retirement from the Hongkong Police Force after 20 years' service.

The presentation was made by Sub-Inspector Oliver, the new officer in charge; Water Police, and Inspector Shephard expressed a few words of appreciation and thanks.

A native of Aton, Inspector Shephard saw service with the Coldstream Guards in the last war. He was demobilised in 1920, and in October of that year joined the Hongkong Police.

Lawn Bowls.—Playing on Kowloon Cricket Club's green to-day, the home team were beaten in a friendly return game of lawn bowls by a team from Lane Crawford, 54-47. Scores were:

S. Carr, G. Tanner, A. B. Harrison, and E. C. Fincher (L.C.) beat 11. Brokenshire, S. A. Gray, R. B. Wellwood and J. Fraser 10-16.

H. Burton, T. H. Edgar, H. W. Randall and A. W. Brown (L.C.) lost to A. E. P. Guest, R. G. Burch, A. Steven and V. C. Labrum 10-20.

Seven-A-Side Rugby.—On account of the rain the Barney Stone seven-a-side rugby tournament scheduled for to-day was postponed.

to accommodate German technical experts and military advisers.

All the bases are improvised constructions, as military experts here pointed out that no big naval base can be constructed in two years. This view takes into consideration the Japanese shortage of war materials, steel and iron and the distance between Japan and Hainan. The docks there are large enough to accommodate destroyers and light cruisers and are fit for minor repairs and overhauling.

While Chinese reports state that the Japanese strength on the island has been increased to 100,000, this is believed to be an exaggeration. The latest report states that there are one division and one brigade there, aggregating about 30,000 officers and men at most. These soldiers are being taught to become paratroopers, instructed by the German experts.

Golf. The finals of the Stubbs Shield and G. M. Young Cup were played recently and resulted as follows:

Stubbs Shield.—P.W.D. (D. S. Edwards and C. W. F. Bishop 13) beat 5th A.A. Regt. R.A. (T. A. Pearce 3 and J. D. Clague 8) by one hole.

G. M. Young Cup.—Hongkong and Shanghai Bank beat Butterfield and Swire.

In the second competition for the G. M. Young Cup, Major K. S. Simpson (20) and Capt. A. C. F. Drew Wilkinson (15) tied with scores of 5 up. They will play off. There were 243 entries.

Badminton. University A defeated Recreation B, in the A division of the badminton league to-night.

A. K. Hui and H. F. Chiu beat M. A. Oliveira and A. M. Rodrigues 21-12; beat J. J. Reynolds and H. F. Gonçalves 21-7; beat L. A. Carvalho and A. M. Silva 23-22.

K. W. Chey and C. K. Lee beat Oliveira and Rodrigues 21-3; beat Remedios and Gonçalves 21-12; beat Carvalho and Silva 21-1.

M. S. Lim and S. F. Yung beat Oliveira and Rodrigues 21-10; Remedios and Gonçalves 21-2; beat Carvalho and Silva 21-10.

Golf Results. The following were the third round results in the Royal Hongkong Golf Club Captain's Cup, 1940 competition:

T. Mcgarry (9) beat W. S. Hillier (1) six and four; T. Low (12) beat J. Linaker (15) five and four; P. A. Howard (17) beat A. D. Purves (10) five and four; G. M. Park (7) beat H. Overly (18) seven and six.

In the semi-final round of the Junior Championship, S. L. Lloyd beat N. D. Lloyd one up, while A. J. Dennis beat E. G. Price four and three.

Mrs. Hedley Dies. The death occurred to-day of Mrs. Mary Hedley, at her residence, 2A Arundel Buildings, Kowloon, at the age of 53 years. She had a large circle of friends, with whom she was a popular figure.

Mrs. Hedley is survived by her husband, Mr. W. P. Hedley, who is a member of the Kowloon Dockers' Association, and a son, Mr. G. P. Hedley, well-known football player, who is now in Shanghai.

The funeral will take place to-day at the Roman Catholic Cemetery, passing the monument at 5 p.m.

Wedding. Mr. Harold Julius Alexander, who is well-known throughout the Far East as representative of Horlicks Ltd., was married to Mrs. Jean Ross Finch (widow) of Shanghai.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. Harold Julius Rohrbach, merchant, and the bride is the daughter of the late Mr. Robert Edwin Hemmings.

Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, Registrar, officiated, and Messrs R. M. Blake and A. S. Hill acted as witnesses.

To Tour Australia. At an emergency committee meeting last night the South Island Football Association accepted the invitation of the Australian Soccer Football Association to send a team to Australia this year.

The team will probably sail at the end of April or early in May and is expected to be on tour for about three months.

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Review Of

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Record Prices For Firewood.

The price of firewood has further increased, and to-day only 17 cabbages could be bought for a dollar. On Monday the price fluctuated between 18 and 19 cabbages, while no change was recorded on Tuesday.

It is understood that Government is importing firewood in order to relieve the acute situation, and that a shipment is expected to arrive within the next week.

To-day's quotation constituted a record in the price of this essential fuel.

Firewood from old railway sleepers is being offered for sale in many shops in Hongkong and Kowloon. The sleepers are approximately 5 1/2 feet by one foot, and weigh about 22 to 23 cabbages. They are cut up in convenient lengths and sold at 22 cabbages to the dollar.

These sleepers which number hundreds of thousands were originally ordered by the Chinese Government for extension of their railway line in the interior, but owing to disruption of transport by the Japanese invasion, they had been stored in Hongkong since their arrival here two years ago.

Golf Results. The following were the third round results in the Royal Hongkong Golf Club Captain's Cup, 1940 competition:

T. Mcgarry (9) beat W. S. Hillier (1) six and four; T. Low (12) beat J. Linaker (15) five and four; P. A. Howard (17) beat A. D. Purves (10) five and four; G. M. Park (7) beat H. Overly (18) seven and six.

In the semi-final round of the Junior Championship, S. L. Lloyd beat N. D. Lloyd one up, while A. J. Dennis beat E. G. Price four and three.

Mrs. Hedley Dies. The death occurred to-day of Mrs. Mary Hedley, at her residence, 2A Arundel Buildings, Kowloon, at the age of 53 years. She had a large circle of friends, with whom she was a popular figure.

Mrs. Hedley is survived by her husband, Mr. W. P. Hedley, who is a member of the Kowloon Dockers' Association, and a son, Mr. G. P. Hedley, well-known football player, who is now in Shanghai.

The funeral will take place to-day at the Roman Catholic Cemetery, passing the monument at 5 p.m.

Wedding. Mr. Harold Julius Alexander, who is well-known throughout the Far East as representative of Horlicks Ltd., was married to Mrs. Jean Ross Finch (widow) of Shanghai.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. Harold Julius Rohrbach, merchant, and the bride is the daughter of the late Mr. Robert Edwin Hemmings.

Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, Registrar, officiated, and Messrs R. M. Blake and A. S. Hill acted as witnesses.

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Budget Debate. Outspoken criticisms of Government Administration in general and the conduct of several departments in particular were made by Unofficial Members of the Legislative Council to-day when a debate on the Budget introduced by the Financial Secretary (the Hon. Mr. H. R. Dittus) on January 10 was held.

His Excellency the Acting Governor, Lieut-General E. F. Norton, was unable to preside at the meeting owing to an injury sustained while walking in the country on the previous day, and his place was taken by the Colonial Secretary (the Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith).

The Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson, Senior Unofficial Member, asked how not one Civil Servant was ever dismissed for inefficiency, although the conduct of some of Government's affairs was bad. Referring to the evacuation, he said that all three parties to it had behaved badly.—The Colonial Government, the Hong Kong Government and some of the evacuees, who continued to complain.

The need for the overhauling of the Government system was stressed by the Hon. Mr. H. Dodwell, who emphasised the extreme seriousness of the many adverse reports and complaints which far too many members of the public had brought. On the question of taxation, he said that, compared with Home, the Colony was ridiculously lightly taxed, but he was not in favour of increasing taxation on the low level incomes in view of the excessive rise in the cost of living.

A strong attack against the administration of the War Revenue Ordinance, the Immigration Office and the Food Controller, was made by the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, who appealed for more civility by civil servants in the performance of their duties. He also exposed the proposed revision of the principles under which war taxation was based, pointing out that it was fundamentally opposite to that taken up by Government when the Bill was introduced.

Perhaps the most outspoken comment against the Government came from the Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almeida, Jr., who urged it to emulate the dictators in one regard, and that was to take measures to purge its ranks. The Hon. Mr. D'Almeida also spoke of racial distinctions in Government employment, and said that if the liberal laws were not so strict the correspondence columns of the newspapers would be full of the most interesting disclosures and revelations.

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The Hon. Mr. A. L. Shields expressed grave concern at the estimated deficit and urged that a tight rein be kept on expenditure by Government Departments on their pet schemes, which might endanger the solvency of the Colony. On the question of providing vessels for the Admiralty, he suggested the construction of freighters because they would be in demand long after the war is over.

More serious and strenuous efforts to stamp out crime and vice were urged by the Hon. Mr. W. N. Thomas, who said that Government owed it to the innocent and law-abiding to remove from them a constant fear of and a growing concern for lawlessness and insecurity.

The Hon. Mr. T. E. Pearce expressed disappointment at the poor returns of the Business Profit Tax, and voiced the hope that independent Committees of enquiry would soon be instituted to make close scrutiny of the returns of several important Government Departments.

The practice of Government in keeping a surplus was criticised by the Hon. Mr. Li Tse-tong, who said that the method was medieval and urged that the balances be used for war expenditure.

In his reply, the Financial Secretary said that he had never viewed the expenditure programme as ideal but admitted that it was necessary. There was no oppressive taxation in the Colony, which was at present enjoying an unprecedented prosperity in spite of the high cost of living, and he argued that none of the new taxation proposed was oppressive.

The President disclosed that Government had decided to appoint a strong Committee to enquire into the various allegations which had recently been made against the Immigration Officer and his staff; that the Food Control organisation had been under very active scrutiny for the past week; and that, as regards the supply of firewood, a representative had been sent to Manila, Borneo and Malaya to enquire into this vital necessity there. The first shipment of firewood from Sandakan was expected shortly.

New ship launched. Designed specifically to carry timber and firewood the 4,200-ton motor vessel Hui Sang, built at Kowloon Dock for the Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd. was launched to-day. The vessel was christened by Lady Grayburn, wife of Sir Vandeleur Grayburn, Chief Manager of the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation.

A large gathering saw the ship smartly into the water at 4 p.m. after Lady Grayburn had broken the traditional bottle of champagne over her bows. About 250 guests then gathered to honour the customary toasts.

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INERSSOL: Well, to-night I have a chance to hear what his agency the Ambassador said to the St. James has said say about it but there's no way to get more American correspondents in London a score of trained military observers on national radio here too, think the American people will be getting their own news making up their minds about the situation now before Congress.

ROBERTSON: I am afraid experts haven't got money to do the job or perhaps had money to



MENZIES' PLEDGE

Britain Will Never Be Deserted

LONDON, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—The Empire must be "all in," our second best will not win this war.

This was the keynote of the speech broadcast by Mr. R. G. Menzies, the Australian Prime Minister, from London to-night. Mr. Menzies proceeded: "The British Empire and the United States are, in the vital matter of war production, only beginning to feel the strain which will not be sensibly diminished by making slaves of Italian factory hands after the collapse of the Italian military effort. Time, provided that we use it day and night, is our ally."

Speaking For Empire
Addressing the people of Britain, Mr. Menzies said: "You must never think yourselves to be alone. Speaking I am sure not only for Australia but for the whole British Empire beyond the seas, I say to you—we are in this most holy war with you. Everything that we have, of manpower, treasure, skill or determination, is pledged to you until final victory is attained and a better and more just day dawns for the world in which our children are to live."

Expeditionary Force
Mr. Menzies said that the Australian Expeditionary Force was already an Army Corps of four divisions. "Thousands of men had already made their blood heard in Rome and desired only to deliver them at Berlin. Thousands of young Australians were entering the war with their brothers from Britain and the Dominions and were destined to see the Empire the just mistress of the air."

"Above all, inspired by the splendid example of the King and Queen, your spirit and ours is not merely defensive. It is not sufficient to avoid defeat. Between the powers of darkness and the powers of light there can be no compromise. It is no twilight world that we are seeking."

POLICE RESERVE INSTRUCTIONS

New Sickness Rule

Orders by the Hon. Mr. C. G. Perdue, Acting Commissioner of Police.

All Reservists who are unable to do a duty or parade allotted to them by their O.C. on account of sickness, must produce a medical certificate in support of their absence.

This is essential and unless followed will entail disciplinary action in accordance with the Police Reserve Ordinance.

Chinese Company

Training Course—Part IV.—Those detailed will attend Prince's Building, 1st Floor, for Part IV of Training Course under Inspector (R) Lau Shiu Chuen on Wednesday, February 26 at 17.15 hours sharp.

Patrol Duty.—Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

Indian Company

Patrol Duty.—Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

Flying Squad

Training Course—Part I.—Members of the Kowloon Section will attend Police Training School, Kowloon on Friday, February 28 at 17.30 hours for Part I of Training Course. Dress—Blue Uniform.

Emergency Unit Reserve

Patrol Duty.—Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

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Bomb Outrage In Shanghai

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". SHANGHAI, Feb. 24 (UP).—Two time bombs exploded yesterday at the Shanghai Book Company, a Japanese-owned firm in the International Settlement, causing considerable damage.

The second bomb injured a fireman who was a member of the brigade that arrived to put out the fire started by the first bomb. The motive for the bombing has not been ascertained and the perpetrators have not been discovered.

TEN YEARS FOR LOOTING

Portsmouth Policemen Sentenced

The heaviest sentences yet passed for looting were given recently to two Portsmouth policemen. Each was ordered 10 years' penal servitude.

Police Constable Douglas John Clark, 38, and Police Constable Arthur Elmar Beeson, aged 23, stole furs from a shop in Southsea which had been damaged in the raids.

Clark, a married man with three children, took a 28-gns. mink marmot coat.

Beeson, a married man with one child, took an 8-gns. skunk cape.

Convicts Now

Both admitted their thefts at Winchester Assizes.

At the Police court hearing last October the Chief Constable said that an anonymous letter started his inquiries.

In addition to the sentences the men lose their jobs, their pensions, and their characters.

They become convicts.

Looting is a crime punishable by the death sentence. No death sentence has yet been passed, but several judges have warned looters that it can be passed.

Sir Gerald Dodson, the Recorder of London, has hinted at it. "The heaviest penalty which a wise legislature has made available," he said, "is that of passing lenient sentences."

The previous heaviest sentence on a looter was at Birmingham on a soldier.

He received six years' penal servitude. There have been several sentences of five years.

Softball

WILDCATS NOSE OUT WAHOOS

OUTSTANDING softball matches of the week-end were those between the Wildcats and the Wahoos, and the Mohawks and Chinese B. C. In both games the first names emerged the winners by the odd run. Scores in brief were:

GILLS

Cardinals 10, Ramblerettes 13.

Wildcats 4, Wahoos 3.

Chung Hwa 24, Las Florinas 15.

MEN, MAJOR LEAGUE

Recreio's Aces forfeited to Cyclones.

Indians 8, Chinese 7.

HONG

Hongkong Bank 10, Texaco 7.

La Salle College

Athletic Meet

On Saturday

Owing to the long programme of events in the annual athletic sports meeting of La Salle College, to be held on March 1, nine finals were decided on Saturday, besides the running of heats. Participants were handicapped by a strong wind and performances were not up to the standard shown in previous years.

Following were the results of the finals held on Saturday:

100 yds. (Senior)—1. J. R. Pereira; 2. J. A. Goncalves; 3. F. Marcell.

200 yds. (Senior)—1. J. R. Pereira; 2. J. A. Goncalves; 3. F. Marcell.

400 yds. (Senior)—1. J. R. Pereira; 2. J. A. Goncalves; 3. F. Marcell.

800 yds. (Senior)—1. J. R. Pereira; 2. J. A. Goncalves; 3. F. Marcell.

1,600 yds. (Senior)—1. J. R. Pereira; 2. J. A. Goncalves; 3. F. Marcell.

3,200 yds. (Senior)—1. J. R. Pereira; 2. J. A. Goncalves; 3. F. Marcell.

6,400 yds. (Senior)—1. J. R. Pereira; 2. J. A. Goncalves; 3. F. Marcell.

12,800 yds. (Senior)—1. J. R. Pereira; 2. J. A. Goncalves; 3. F. Marcell.

25,600 yds. (Senior)—1. J. R. Pereira; 2. J. A. Goncalves; 3. F. Marcell.

51,200 yds. (Senior)—1. J. R. Pereira; 2. J. A. Goncalves; 3. F. Marcell.

102,400 yds. (Senior)—1. J. R. Pereira; 2. J. A. Goncalves; 3. F. Marcell.

204,800 yds. (Senior)—1. J. R. Pereira; 2. J. A. Goncalves; 3. F. Marcell.

409,600 yds. (Senior)—1. J. R. Pereira; 2. J. A. Goncalves; 3. F. Marcell.

819,200 yds. (Senior)—1. J. R. Pereira; 2. J. A. Goncalves; 3. F. Marcell.

1,638,400 yds. (Senior)—1. J. R. Pereira; 2. J. A. Goncalves; 3. F. Marcell.

3,276,800 yds. (Senior)—1. J. R. Pereira; 2. J. A. Goncalves; 3. F. Marcell.

6,553,600 yds. (Senior)—1. J. R. Pereira; 2. J. A. Goncalves; 3. F. Marcell.

13,107,200 yds. (Senior)—1. J. R. Pereira; 2. J. A. Goncalves; 3. F. Marcell.

26,214,400 yds. (Senior)—1. J. R. Pereira; 2. J. A. Goncalves; 3. F. Marcell.

52,428,800 yds. (Senior)—1. J. R. Pereira; 2. J. A. Goncalves; 3. F. Marcell.

104,857,600 yds. (Senior)—1. J. R. Pereira; 2. J. A. Goncalves; 3. F. Marcell.

209,715,200 yds. (Senior)—1. J. R. Pereira; 2. J. A. Goncalves; 3. F. Marcell.

419,430,400 yds. (Senior)—1. J. R. Pereira; 2. J. A. Goncalves; 3. F. Marcell.

838,860,800 yds. (Senior)—1. J. R. Pereira; 2. J. A. Goncalves; 3. F. Marcell.

1,677,721,600 yds. (Senior)—1. J. R. Pereira; 2. J. A. Goncalves; 3. F. Marcell.

3,355,443,200 yds. (Senior)—1. J. R. Pereira; 2. J. A. Goncalves; 3. F. Marcell.

6,710,886,400 yds. (Senior)—1. J. R. Pereira; 2. J. A. Goncalves; 3. F. Marcell.

13,421,772,800 yds. (Senior)—1. J. R. Pereira; 2. J. A. Goncalves; 3. F. Marcell.

26,843,545,600 yds. (Senior)—1. J. R. Pereira; 2. J. A. Goncalves; 3. F. Marcell.

BIG AIR FIGHT OVER CHANNEL

Nazi Invaders Turned Back

LONDON, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—A strong force of German fighters and bombers invaded the skies over the Straits of Dover this afternoon following Saturday's patrol activities and small-scale daylight raids on south-east England.

Spitfires and A.A. guns along the Channel coast went into action and several groups of enemy machines were turned back before reaching the English coast.

There had been considerable activity over the Straits by Spitfires during the morning and British bombers were seen flying across the sea.

Scattered Activity

LONDON, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—Enemy air activity over Britain to-night (Sunday), has been scattered. Bombs were dropped in a field in a southern district and enemy planes were reported in the vicinity of a north-east town.

The alert was sounded early in the evening in London but the all clear followed. Early reports suggested that the attack on the capital has been very slight.

German Air Losses

LONDON, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—Thirteen German airplanes were lost over Britain between February 16 and 22, inclusive. During the same period British losses were nil.

The Germans lost four on February 16; six on February 17; one on February 21 and two on February 22. The British lost seven planes over Germany during the same period.

Middle East losses from February 16 to 22 were Germans, 5; Italians, 20; and British, six. Two further German planes were brought down by the British Navy.

Fighters Chase Nazis

It was learned later that German fighters and fighter-bombers, numbering about a squadron, were chased back across the Straits of Dover during the afternoon by British fighters. They failed to penetrate beyond the coast and there are no reports of bombs being dropped.

AID BRITAIN

Senate Commences Debate's Last Lap

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—The United States Senate to-morrow begins the seventh day of its debate on the Lend-Lease Bill for aiding Britain and there is every likelihood that the Senate will pass the measure at the latest by the week-end.

There are indications in Washington that administration leaders are preparing for quick action after the bill has received final Congressional approval.

It is reported that the form of appropriations and requests were discussed at a recent meeting of the Secretary of War, Navy and Agriculture.

A statement made to-day by Senator George, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, indicates that the administration may accept further amendments to the bill. Senator George stated that the majority of the members of the committee are meeting this week to discuss three or four amendments.

Japanese Crave Entertainment

Cinema Fans Are Problem

TOKYO, Feb. 23 (Domei).—With an increase of almost 10,000,000 in the attendance at the 350 motion picture theatres in Tokyo prefecture alone in 1940 as compared with the attendance in the previous year, a new problem of how to satisfy the nation's lust for recreation is confronting the authorities.

Against an attendance of 91,048,012 persons during 1939, a total of 101,768,711 paid for admission to the movies in Tokyo prefecture last year, a survey shows.

The increased population as well as the mounting drift to the cities are cited as contributory causes to this rise but official point out that the problem is not being solved as the building of new motion picture theatres is not being authorized in view of the need for construction materials.

The present survey was precipitated by a near riot caused before one of Tokyo's leading theatres on February 12 when a "Manchurian" actress made a personal appearance.



LONDON BLASTS—Smoke curls around rooftops in London as workers dynamite tottering buildings. St. Paul's dome looks down on skeletons of structures monacing Londoners after Nazi raids.

Rugby

Combined Services Draw 3-3 With Club-Police

Keen And Hard-fought Game

RUGGER at Happy Valley on Saturday was keen and hard fought when Combined Services drew 3-3 with Club-Police after leading 3-0 at half time. Both sides had opportunities of clinching the issue but thrilling tackles and narrow misses at goal kept the score to a low level.

Paul, Navy three-quarter, was back again to the fore, while Fairclough, full back, found touch on numerous occasions with excellent long punts.

Stewart, marking Paul, too, was in great form, and ran strongly when in possession.

Service Score

SERVICES were the first to approach to scoring when Miller failed with a penalty kick. Following this, however, their efforts were rewarded when Rutherford got within striking distance, and when Honeywell got possession he sent Richards over in the corner. Miller kick failed.

The Services led 3-0 at the interval, and for the first part of the second half were again in the ascendancy. Fifteen minutes before the end, however, Godfrey picked up in the loose and went over. Aitkenhead failed.

Then just a few minutes before the end, Club-Police all but took the lead when Stewart was grassed a few yards from the line.

Combined Services—Fairclough (Army); Bowden (Navy); Paul (Navy); Honeywell (Navy); and Rutherford (Navy); Carter (Navy); and Rutherford (Navy); Sutherland (Army); Watson (Navy); Bompas (Navy); Miller (Army); King (Navy); Godfrey (Army); Berry (Army); and Polie (Navy).

Club & Police—Thompson; Desanquet; Stewart; Carruthers and Van Leeuwen; Aitkenhead and Thompson; Cullinan (Police); Castleton; Wakelin; Ince; Kennedy; Godfrey; Taylor and Wright-Noble (Police).

Ferrier Wins Miami Open

Miami, Florida, Feb. 13. Jim Ferrier, the Australian open golf champion and formerly of Shanghai, won the amateur prize in the \$10,000 Miami Open Golf championship, which he scored a par 70 to defeat Earl Christensen, a Miami detective, by three strokes in an 18-hole playoff for amateur honours.

Ferrier and Christensen had tied with 287 strokes for 72-holes, seven over par.—Reuter.

Small Units Sports

The Combined Small Units will hold an individual athletic meeting on the Chatham Road ground on March 17, 18 and 19 when the following events will be held—100 yards, 220 yards, 440 yards, 880 yards, one mile, three miles, high jump, long jump, pole vault, 120 yards high hurdles, shot putt, javelin throw, hammer throw, and discus throw.

There will also be an open mile medley relay race. Entries should reach the Officer in charge of Combined Small Units Athletics, care of the Hongkong Signal Company by March 10 at the latest.

Police Walk-out In Tientsin

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". TIENTSIN, Feb. 23 (UP).—The Chinese police staged a walk-out at noon to-day.

Official sources state that the reasons are similar to the recent British police strike; however, the Chinese police state they are simply dissatisfied with the severity of certain French inspectors.

The military has not been called out and the cinemas and shops are open as usual.

Lend Ear To Matsuoka

Democracies Advised

TOKYO, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—Britain and the United States are urged by "Miyako," an influential Japanese daily, to "lend an ear" to statements made by the Japanese Foreign Minister in press interviews on Friday.

The newspaper says that Mr. Matsuoka was "not lying" when he said that Japan was not taking any measures liable to cause concern to Britain and America in the Pacific or the South Seas.

Britain and the United States are counselled to "refrain from taking any dangerous steps based on misunderstanding and misapprehension."

ENGINEERING LECTURE

Professor W. Brown of the University will deliver a lecture on Friday, March 14, at 9.15 p.m., to members of the Talkies Club. The subject will be "James Watt."

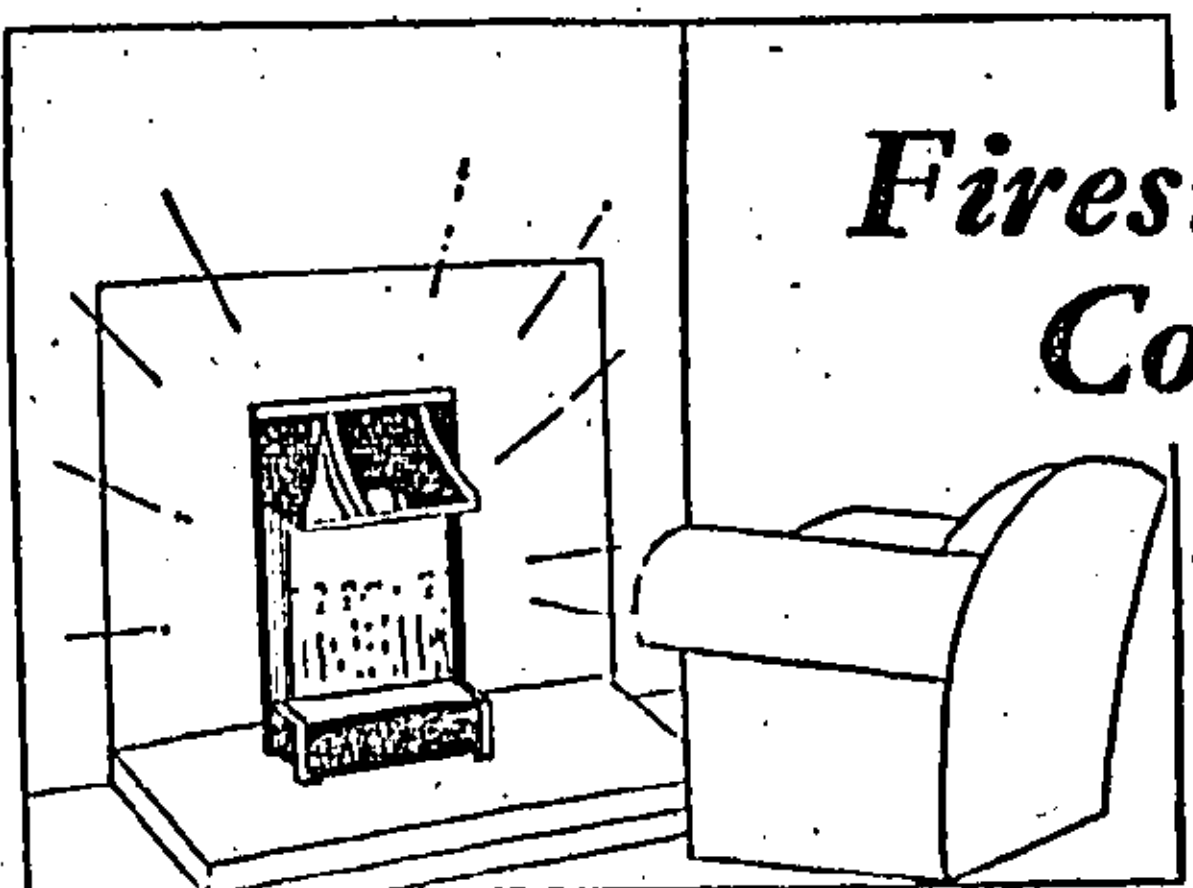
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ART TREASURES MAY GO TO U.S.

Privately-owned art treasures in Britain worth millions of pounds may shortly be sold to the United States to obtain money for the war effort.

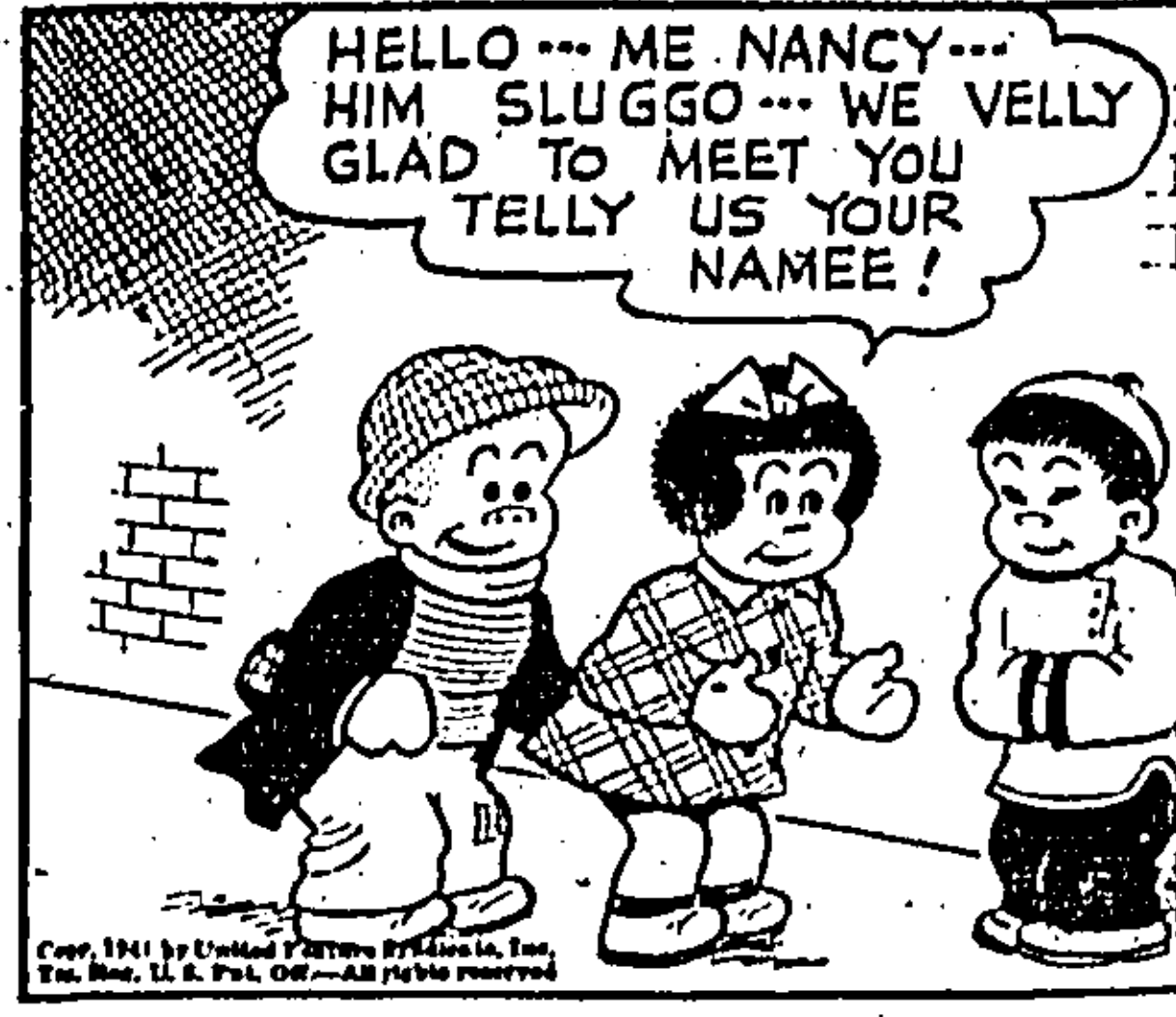
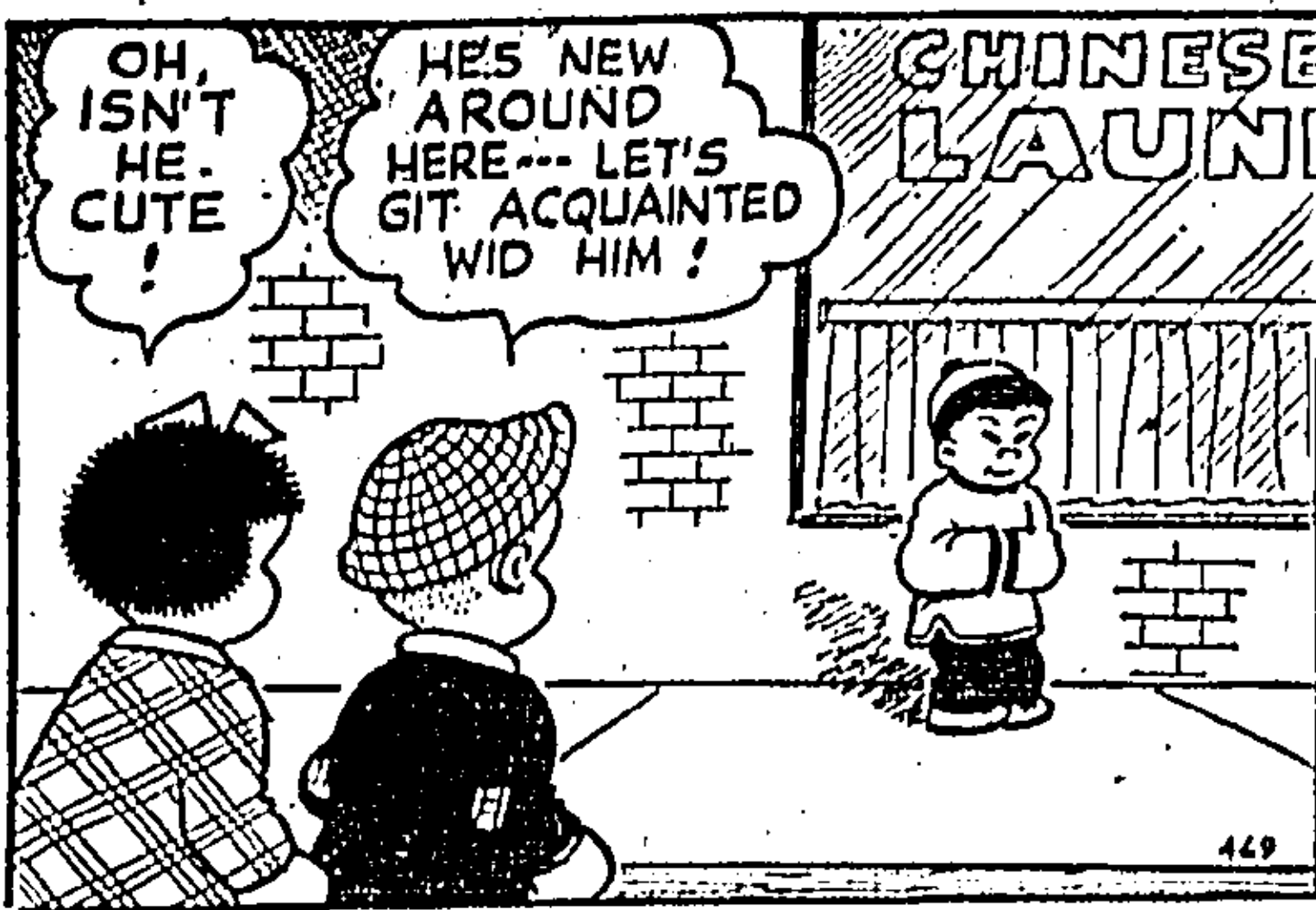
A scheme is being considered by the Board of Trade which proposes to ask people to sell these treasures abroad.

Electricity Charges

An error crept into the published announcement of the Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd., in Friday's issue, regarding standard charges for current.

It should be noted that these increases will take effect in respect of all accounts issued for meters read on and after March 21, 1941.

NANCY



Bonapartists Planning For Pretender's Return

Bonapartists are negotiating with the French Government at Vichy for the return of Napoleon's great grand-nephew so that he may become the ruler of modern France, it is reported from Switzerland.

The young Prince, last of the conquering Corsican line, is now living quietly in Switzerland, not far from the French border. To make his return possible, the Vichy Government would have to abrogate a 55-year-old law which bans any French Pretender from France.

The name of the Prince, Louis Napoleon Jerome Victor Emanuel Marie, who prefers to be called the Count of Montfort, has been mentioned frequently among French Royalists ever since Adolf Hitler returned the body of "L'Aiglon," Napoleon's only son, to Paris.

Hitler's action was described by some observers then as the possible forerunner of a Napoleonic restoration. Friends and associates of the Prince said he had not been approached thus far by the Germans.

The Count of Montfort's one major rival for the throne of France is the Count of Paris, Pretender of the old Bourbon-Orleans line.

Served In Tunisia

Count Montfort's backers say that during his nation's brief war with Germany the young Prince served under the name of Louis Blanchard as an armoured car driver with the Foreign Legion in Tunisia.

Athletically inclined, Count Montfort's automobile racing experience equipped him admirably for this task, his partisans asserted.

In defence to Swiss neutrality laws he now remains inactive politically in his expensive lakeside villa, which is well guarded, surrounded by barbed wire and bristling with tank barriers. This is a part of Swiss military precautions along the frontier and not solely to guard the Prince.

The author of a volume of letters compiled from Napoleonic manuscripts in the family's possession, the Prince now is engaged in completing a second volume.

Bevin Is Victim Of Whisperers

A whispering campaign had been launched to remove from office Labour Ministers, including Mr Bevin, declared speakers at a meeting of the Lancashire and Cheshire Federation of Trades Councils.

This campaign, in the form of certain subtle attacks, had been started in the House of Commons, said Mr W. J. Munroe, secretary of Manchester and Salford Trades and Labour Council.

It had begun, he said, with Mr D. R. Grenfell, Minister of Mines, in regard to the coal situation, and it was being extended to Mr Bevin, who was one of the finest Ministers they had ever had.

Mr Ellis Smith, M.P., said recently they saw in the House members who had been doing for years in successive Governments, showing their hostility whenever a Labour leader rose on his feet and looked like going too far and uncovering the mistakes of years.

"We need to be on guard," he declared, "against this small minority of hostile members, who are representing vested interests."

Mysterious Strong-Arm Clan Formed In France

France's mysterious new strong-arm clan—the "GP"—is reported to be spreading its organisation throughout the "unoccupied" zone.

Husky members of the "Groupes de Protection," wearing armbands lettered "GP" and leather jackets and helmet similar to those worn by motor-cyclists, made their first public appearance on Dec. 3 in Marseilles where they assisted police in controlling the crowds during a visit by their Chief of State, Marshal Petain.

The organisation was said to be composed mainly of former mobile guardsmen or the "hard-boiled" street fighters of Jacques Doriot's French Popular Party.

Reports indicated a membership of 1,000 in Marseilles, 500 in Lyons, and additional units springing up in other cities in the unoccupied zone following activity by mysterious agents.

Means For Dictator

Some reports said it was a vigilante group. Others called it a French version of the Nazi Party's "SS" Elite Guard. Still others believed it might prove the means for a new dictator to ride to power in France over the heads of the Vichy Government.

There have been rumours from Vichy that the organisation was approved by Minister of the Interior Marcel Peyroux. There has been no official word from Vichy sanctioning the corps, but Marshal Petain himself saw it in operation in Marseilles.

Doriot "Strong Man"

M. Doriot, a "disillusioned" Communist who later said he was incorporating the best in Communism and Fascism into his French Popular Party, long has been considered a possible "strong man" in the new France. Thus far, M. Doriot has been directing his party from Paris.

Some "GP" members also are said to belong to Col. Francois de la Rocque's French Social Party, legal successor to the old semi-military Croix de Feu, and now called simply "French Social Progress" to comply with Vichy political rulings on parties in the unoccupied zone.

Both de la Rocque's followers and those of M. Doriot in recent years have been opposed bitterly by French Communists. There was one guess that the "GP" was a "safeguard against Communism."

New British Radio Offensive

Britain is to start a big propaganda war on enemy-occupied countries in the New Year.

The B.B.C., in collaboration with the Ministry of Information, will broadcast a bigger programme of regular news and features services all over Europe.

It is expected that British broadcasts will be heard in every Nazi-occupied territory every day for three hours longer than at the present time.

The B.B.C. does not suffer half as severely as the German radio stations from the presence of enemy raiders.

Seldom, if ever, is it difficult to get some station on the British system, whereas all the German stations are "off" every night when the R.A.F. is on the job.

Woman Does Not Know Of War

A Brighton woman does not know Britain is at war.

She is Mrs Hannah Leaver, of Ivory-place, who is 90, blind, and stone deaf.

"I have told her about the war," Mrs Dye, her daughter, said, "but cannot make her understand. She is surprised that she cannot have her ordinary allowance of butter and sugar, and the black-out is a mystery to her."

Goering Envoy To Britain

Vicars Suggestion

The suggestion that a noted Nazi airman captured in Britain recently had been sent by Goering is made in his parish magazine by the Rev. E. L. Macnessey, vicar of Mapledurham, Oxon.

Mr Macnessey previously said of this airman, "He was one of Hitler's most eminent advisers in the gentle art of murder from the air. He was his father's right-hand man in designing Nazi aircraft."

Now Mr Macnessey says the airman was sent to England to discover why so vast a number of Nazi planes failed to return.

No Report

"He had special instructions to write a full report for Goering on his return. As like this vast number of Nazi planes, the noted man himself failed to return, Goering did not receive the full report. But the airman will be able to reflect that he discovered the reason, even if he is not able to write home and tell the Nazis all about it."

Writ Failed To Stop French Ship

The French freighter, Fort de France, 4,279 tons, sailed for Martinique from New York recently despite an attempt by the British Ministry of Shipping to hold her in port.

Also on the high seas, her destination unknown, was the 7,011-ton French tanker, Metropole, which left Philadelphia without cargo. Other French ships which have sailed from United States ports recently under similar circumstances are reportedly adding in the French evacuation from the British Isles.

Attachment Writ

The Fort de France has been held in port in New York by a Federal writ of attachment granted on Nov. 25, pending trial of a \$145,000 libel brought by the British for alleged failure of another French merchantman to deliver a British cargo.

French line officials quietly arranged clearance. Just before court closed, they deposited a certified cheque for \$155,000 covering a libel and litigation charges, and obtained an order vacating the attachment.

CLIFF SHELTER FOR 5,000

The Erith Borough Council, in Kent, propose to construct a deep air raid shelter for 5,000 in a sandhill. Families will be able to live there in gas-proof shelters, which will include a nursery and an emergency maternity ward.



PRESENTS FOR ITALIANS—These are bombs stacked at quayside of Greek port that have been unloaded from transport and will supply British airmen fighting in Albania. They'll be dropped on Italians.

A.T.S. Purge—Debs May Have To Go

PRESENTATION AT COURT OR RIDING TO HOUNDS IS NO LONGER, ON ITS OWN, A SUFFICIENT QUALIFICATION FOR COMMISSIONED RANK IN THE A.T.S.

Many debutantes and duchess's daughters who obtained commissions in the early days of the war on the strength of their being "the right people," are likely to be reduced in rank.

Some of them may be called on to resign their commissions altogether.

This will be the effect of the War Office call for confidential reports on every officer in the A.T.S. organisation.

Details of the age, family, professional or other qualifications, disciplinary conduct, and personal character of every officer are asked for.

To Prove Ability

These will be carefully scrutinised in Whitehall, and those who do not come up to standard will be

faced with the prospect of demotion.

Every officer will have to prove that she understands her work and is capable of setting a good example to the girls under her command.

Many of these Society girls, of course, will survive the test, for they are not all butterflies. Many of them have trained themselves for the duties they have to perform.

But more of the commissions in future will be going to the types of women who have held managerial and executive positions in business and commercial life.

By Ernie Bushmiller

Modern Exploration In China: Frenchman Slain

CHUNGKING, Feb. 22 (Central News)—M. A. Gubaut, famous French explorer representing the French Geographical Society in Paris, arrived in Chungking recently following a seven-month tour of Sikkim. During his tour he met with an unfortunate incident and lost his associate, M. L. Liotard, who accompanied him, all his films and belongings.

This happened on September 9, 1940 when Gubaut's caravan, consisting of two Tibetans, a Chinese servant, five horses and 10 yaks, was attacked by a group of 20 bandits.

Armed with guns, the bandits descended upon them from a high mountain north-west of Kangding. Liotard and the Chinese servant were killed while Gubaut managed to escape to a lamasery in company with the two Tibetans, his overcoat riddled with bullets.

They were cordially received by the lamas and after four days the French explorer and the two Tibetans, accompanied by six lamas, resumed the tour on horseback. They went as far as Luho, a small town inhabited mainly by Chinese.

Resumed Journey

From Luho, Gubaut turned back, arriving at Kangding in October and in Chengtu in November. After staying in Chengtu for a couple of months, he returned to Chungking.

Commenting on his trip, Gubaut said that Sikkim has great possibilities. It is rich in mineral resources and wool, milk and butter. Exploitation of the province would strengthen considerably China's economy.

There are lamaseries everywhere in the province, he said. During his tour, he visited 12 of them, the smallest accommodating 40 to 50 lamas and the largest 300 to 400.

Tokyo Govt Meets Chiefs Of Forces

Liaison Conference

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Feb. 24 (Domest).—An extraordinary liaison conference between the Government and the High Command took place at the Premier's official residence from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday to discuss the latest domestic and international situations.

The Government was represented by the Foreign Minister, Mr. Yasuke Matsukata, the Home Minister, Baron Kichichi Hirayama, the War Minister, Lieut-General Hideki Tojo, and the Navy Minister, Admiral Koshiro while the High Command was represented by General Sugiyama, Chief of the Army General Staff, and Vice-Admiral Nobutake Kondo, Vice-Chief of the Naval General Staff.

N.E.I.—Japan Talks

Nippon Claims Headway

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BATAVIA, Feb. 23 (Domest).—Despite reports of a crisis in the South Pacific area, observers here declared that a series of talks now under way between the Japanese Consul-General, Mr. Yutaka Ishizawa, and Mr. J. W. van Hoogstraten, Director of the Commercial Affairs Bureau of the Netherlands East Indies Government, are progressing satisfactorily.

Mr. Ishizawa and Mr. Van Hoogstraten conferred more than six times. It is reported that a certain understanding on points of general nature has already been reached. While the conference so far is said to have marked by a frank exchange of views, the talks are expected to be continued this week.

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THEY'D LIKE TO KNOW—British newspaper men fire questions in London at Colonel William J. Donovan, "mystery man" sent to Europe by President Roosevelt. They'd like to know his mission, but he wouldn't tell.

Chinese Uses Farm Refuse For Gasoline

A new synthetic gasoline, which eventually may help to solve China's acute transportation problem, has been discovered by Prof. Li Ki-wei, dean of the National Yunnan University. The gas is made of agricultural refuse and by-products.

During experiments Professor Li's fuel showed a serviceability 20 per cent higher than natural gasoline. It is colourless, after bleaching, and has the same smell and specific gravity as gasoline. It has a lower ignition point, a higher British Thermal Unit, and is devoid of corrosive elements.

Professor Li estimates that his fuel can be produced at a cost of about \$8 or \$10 (Chinese) per gallon, whereas natural gasoline costs \$20 per gallon.

The one real drawback seems to be that the new fuel takes a month to produce. Professor Li is seeking a new method of production which will enable manufacture in less time. To date the artificial fuel has not been produced commercially, but only in laboratories.

Il Duce Tells Why Italians Losing

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thanks—to the sacrifices of the workers.

(9) Italy is proud of having dared to try her strength against Britain. Peoples become great when they have the courage to take risks.

(10) To conquer the Axis the British Armies must invade the Continent—"a step which no Briton would ever dream of."

Mussolini declared: "The intervention of the United States is founded on the illusion of being a democracy and also on lies of an invasion of America is fantastic and ridiculous."

He concluded by declaring that the Fascist Italian people deserve victory and would have it, for they are bearing with exemplary dignity the sacrifices asked of them. "Italy's will be the victory, and a peace with justice."

Italian Hired Hands

LONDON, Feb. 23 (Reuters)—Two hundred thousand Italian workers will arrive in Germany during the next few days, announced the German radio to-night.

This news was preceded by an announcement of the arrival in Berlin of Signor Capoferri, Chief of the Fascist Labour Confederation.

The radio gave no indication of the nature of the work which the Italian visitors will do in Germany.

Customs Pass Tragedy

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well-known and popular figure in Chinese circles.

Gardener's Discovery

The shocking discovery at Customs Pass was made by a gardener, who shortly after 7 o'clock yesterday evening heard screams and shouts coming from one of the bedrooms of the house.

Upon investigation he found the bedroom windows and door locked, but with the help of another servant, broke down the door and found Mr. and Mrs. Fung lying in the room. Mrs. Fung was then dead, but her husband was still alive, though obviously in great pain.

ROBBED RAID DEAD

The prosecutor said it was "a horrible and disgusting case" when George Alfred Hobbs, a mortuary assistant, was charged in London recently with stealing a ring from the body of an air raid victim. Found in Hobbs' possession were two men's rings, three women's rings, ten £1 notes, two wrist watches.

TO-DAY'S RACE TIPS

Rooty Hill Derby

(By "Captain Foster")

The most exclusive event of to-day's meeting will be the Rooty Hill Derby reserved for Australian Subscription Grifflins of this season and the endurance test is over 1½ miles.

The great race is timed to be run off at 4 p.m.

It is reliably learned that the following will face the start.

A Surprising Time (Mr. L. B. Chao).
Black Seal (Mr. F. Noodt).
Dutch Treat (Mr. P. P. Botelho).
Endeavour (Mr. C. B. Moller).
Manhattan (Mr. H. J. Heurne).
National Welfare (Mr. B. L. Tao).
Santa Anita (Mr. S. C. Liang).
United Express (Mr. P. K. Yung).
Vitamin M. (Mr. D. Black).

There is still a demand for the special dollar cash sweep on the above classic and should the sale reach the million mark, the first prize is worth \$397,000.

Selections for to-day are:

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Royal Wedding Eve

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ROOTY HILL DERBY

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Jews Reach Japan

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TSURUGA, Feb. 24 (Domei).—More than 550 Jewish refugees from Europe arrived here from Vladivostok aboard the Japanese liner Amakusa Maru this afternoon. They are expected to stay in Japan for some time until they can find new homes in the Far East or South America.

James J. Tunney, former heavy weight champion and once a private in the Marine Corps, was commissioned recently as a Lieutenant Commander in the U.S. Naval Reserve.

He was ordered immediately to active duty as physical director and co-ordinator of physical education at Pensacola and Jacksonville, Fla., and Corpus Christi.

BIRTH
CARROLL.—At the Queen Mary Hospital, on February 24, to Denise (nee Thomas), wife of R. A. Carroll—a son. Both well.

DEATH
ROZARIO.—At the St. Teresa's Hospital, on Sunday, February 23, 1941, at 10.15 a.m. Laurence Augusto do Rozario (Encho), aged 84, late of Messrs. Noronha & Co. Funeral will leave Anderson's Funeral Parlour at 2.10 p.m., passing the Monument at 2.30 p.m. on Monday, February 24, 1941.

GERMAN PRESSMEN REMOVED

The American Association of Foreign Press Correspondents has removed from its rolls two active members mentioned in the Dies Committee "White Paper" on un-American activities and has accepted the resignation as an associate member of Dr. Hans Borchers, German Consul General.

These developments were disclosed recently in the Association's official bulletin.

Fred Kreutzenstein, who had listed himself as correspondent for several Brazilian papers, was expelled. Dr. Herbert Gross, American correspondent for the "Nachrichten fuer Ausenhandel," official organ of the German Ministry of Economics, resigned under fire.

Both had been charged formally with "unprofessional conduct."

Third Honeymoon With Second Of Three Wives

Stan Laurel, of Laurel and Hardy, film comedians, is on his third honeymoon with the second of his three wives.

She is Ruth Virginia Laurel. In 1933 she was the second Mrs. Laurel.

She divorced Laurel in 1934, remarried him in 1935, divorced him again in 1937, and remarried him last month after an elopement to Las Vegas (Nevada).

Ruth Virginia was content with five per cent. of his earnings when she applied for alimony.

Laurel pays his first wife, Lois, £340 a month.

Laurel's third wife was Vera Illiana, blonde Russian dancer.

"A Nightmare"
Complaining that his first two wives made "a nightmare" of her marriage, she sought separate maintenance. She asked £375 a month.

Resisting her claim, Laurel said in December, 1939, that, despite a salary of £40,000 a year, he was practically penniless.

Laurel married his third wife three times—the second time because his first wife said the marriage was not legal, and the third time "just to make sure."

Racing Carnival Resumes

→ FROM PAGE ONE

977 LU TONG SEN'S Fleetwing 152 lb. 2
700 LANS Misty View 152 lb. (P. P. Botelho) 3
Eight starters
Won by five lengths; two lengths.
Time—1.01.1.
Parti-mutuel—Winner \$5.40. Places \$5.50; \$6.60; \$31.

4.—VICTORIA STAKES.—A Handicap for China ponies. One mile. 987 CHIEF'S Fleetwing 152 lb. (P. Noodt) 1
988 EVER'S Eye of Harvest 152 lb. (W. H. S. Davis) 2
989 CHIEF'S Fleetwing 152 lb. (C. B. Moller) 3

Seven starters.
Won by one length; length and half.
Time—1.54.
Parti-mutuel—Winner \$171.20. Places \$13.60; \$6.10; \$6.60.

5.—CANBELEGO HANDICAP.—For Australian subscription ponies classified "C" Class. Jockey allowance. One mile.
994 C. L. GREGORY'S Catterick Bridge 148 lb. (L. D. Chao) 1
103 T.K.L.'s Venus Day 150 lb. (V. V. Needa) 2
995 E.S.K.'s Cheerful Star 154 lb. (B. L. Tao) 3

16 starters.
Won by half a length; one length.
Time—1.50.3.
Parti-mutuel—Winner \$53.10. Places \$10.00; \$6.50; \$6.60.

LATE NEWS

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STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued Saturday says:

The feature of the market to-day was a sharp rise in Electrics, as a result of the announcement made yesterday of a new issue of shares and a declaration of dividend.

Sellers

H.K. Govt. 3½% Loan (1934) 95

Hotels \$3.60

Trams \$17.75

Sales

Trams \$17.00/17.50

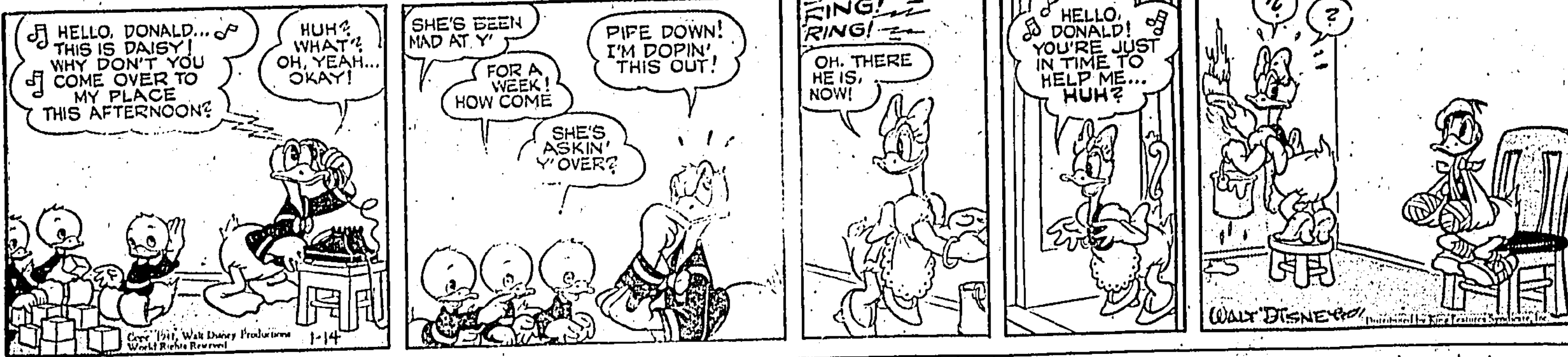
Electrics "O" \$42.25/42

Electrics "N" \$42.15/42

An exhibition of Chinese paintings by Mr. Fong Yan-ting and several members of the Reform Club is being held on the second floor of St. Francis Hotel. The exhibition, which opened on Saturday, will be concluded at 8 o'clock this evening. Admission is free.

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AID TO ALLIES—Former Senator Ernest W. Gibson of Vermont, who replaced William Allen White, editor of the Emporia, Kans., Gazette, as chairman of the Committee to Defend America by Aiding the Allies. Mr. White resigned after his statements were criticised by the Committee.



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NOTICE

It is hereby notified that the following increases in the Company's standard charges will be made for current consumed in respect of accounts issued for meters read on and after 21st March, 1941:—

1. For Lighting from 15 cents to 16 cents per unit.
2. For Power and Heating from 5 cents to 5½ cents per unit.
3. The discount of 10% on Power accounts in excess of 1,000 units per month will be discontinued.

By order of the Board of Directors,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.
Agents.

THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LIMITED

NOTICE is hereby given that the TWENTY SECOND ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of this Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company No. 10, Des Voeux Road Central, on Saturday, the 8th March, 1941, at 2.00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1940.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from Saturday, 1st March, 1941 to Saturday, 8th March, 1941, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
KAN TONG PO,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 20th February, 1941.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Fifty-second Ordinary Yearly Meeting will be held at the Company's Registered Office, 4th Floor, P. & O. Building, on Thursday, 20th March, 1941, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for 31st December, 1940 and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 8th March to 20th March, 1941, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By order of the Board of Directors,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.
Agents.

Hong Kong, 21st February, 1941.

NOTICE

DEFENCE REGULATIONS 1940

The following rates will be charged for mailing single copies of the following newspapers abroad:—

South China Morning Post
China and Macao
16 cents per copy

British Empire and Foreign
25 cents per copy

The Hongkong Telegraph
China and Macao
16 cents Saturdays

British and Foreign
20 cents per copy
25 cents Saturdays.



BANK HOLIDAY

The Exchange Banks will open at 9.30 a.m. and will close at 12 noon for the transaction of exchange business on Tuesday, the 25th February, 1941. (Race Meeting).
Hongkong, 22nd February, 1941.

THE "STAR" FERRY CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FORTY-THIRD ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF THIS COMPANY will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Friday, the 28th February, 1941, at 11.00 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1940.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Wednesday, the 19th February, 1941, to Friday, the 28th February, 1941, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,
C. M. MANNERS,
Secretary and Manager.
Hongkong, 12th February, 1941.

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The Bank's Head Office in London undertakes Executor & Trustee business and claims recovery of British Income Tax overpaid, on terms which may be ascertained at any of its Agencies and Branches.

R. A. CAMIDGE, Manager.

Hong Kong, 21st February, 1941.

By order of the Board of Directors,
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Exchange At A Glance

SELLING	
T.T. London	1/2 3/4
T.T. Shanghai	1/2 3/4
T.T. Singapore	52 3/4
T.T. Japan	102 1/2
T.T. India	82 1/2
T.T. U.S.A.	24 1/2
T.T. Manila	48
T.T. Batavia	45
T.T. Bangkok	104
T.T. Saigon	104
T.T. France	104 1/2
T.T. Switzerland	102
T.T. Australia	1/0 1/4

BUYING	
4 m/s L/C London	1/3 1/2
4 m/s D/P London	1/3 1/2
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	24 1/2
4 m/s France	Nom.
30 d/s India	84 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.02 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	4.03 1/4

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS

H.K. Banks \$ c.d.	1,400 n.
H.K. Banks £ x. d.	73 n.
H.K. Banks (H.K.) £ x. d.	70 n.
Chartered £ s. d.	7 1/2 n.
Mercantile, A. & B. £ s. d.	11 1/4 n.
Mercantile, C. £ s. d.	7 1/2 n.
East Asia £ s. d.	7 1/2 n.

INSURANCES

Cantons \$	215 b.
Union \$	411 b.
China Underwriters \$	1 n.
H.K. Fire \$	170 b.

SHIPPING

Douglas \$	135 n.
Steamboats \$	100 n.
Indo-China \$	100 n.
Indo-China D. \$	60 n.
Shell (Bearers) \$	407 1/2 n.
Waterboats \$	7 n.

DOCKETS ETC.

Wharves \$	98 n.
Docks (old) \$	17.80 n.
Docks (new) \$	17 n.
Privileges \$	53 1/2 n.
S'hai Dockyard \$	28 n.

MINING

Kallan \$	18 n.
Rauba \$	8 n.
H.K. Mines \$	1 1/4 cts. n.

LANDS

Hotel \$	3.60 n.
Lands \$	33 3/4 n.
Lands 4% Debentures	97 1/2 n.
S'hai Lands Sh. \$	11.00 n.
Humphreys \$	7.05 n.
H.K. Realities \$	3.40 n.
Chinese Estates \$	98 n.

UTILITIES

Trams	17 1/2 n.
Peaks Trams (old) \$	7 1/2 n.
Peak Trams (new) \$	3 1/2 n.
Star Ferries \$	57 n.
Y. Ferries \$	24 1/2 n.

CHINA LIGHTS (new)

China Lights (new)	1,07 1/2 n.
H.K. Electric (old) \$	42 1/2 n.
H.K. Electric (new) \$	42 n.
Macao Electric (new) \$	10 1/4 n.
Sandakan Lights \$	12 n.
Telephones (old) \$	24 1/2 n.
Telephones (new) \$	10.20 n.

INDUSTRIALS

Cald: Macg. (Ord.) \$	30 n.
Cald: Macg. (Pref.) \$	25 n.
Cement \$	1 n.
Cement \$	1 n.
H.K. Ropes \$	8 1/2 n.

STORES, &c.

Dairy Farms \$	10.20 n.
Watsons \$	10.05 n.
Lane Crawford \$	7 1/2 n.
Sinceres \$	2.15 n.
Wink On (H.K.) \$	30 n.
Powell \$	1.00 n.

COTTON MILLS

Ewo Sh. \$	43 1/4 n.
S'hai Cotton Sh. \$	200 n.

MISC.

H.K. Govt 4%	97 n.
H.K. Govt 3 1/2% (1934)	95 n.
H.K. Govt 3 1/2% (1940)	94 n.
Ch Govt 5% 1925 CSDs	42 1/4 n.
H.K. Entertainment \$	1.7 n.
Constructions (old) \$	1.60 n.
Constructions (new) \$	1 n.
Vibro Piling \$	7.70 n.
Marmans Inv. (Lon.) \$	0.73 n.
Marmans Inv. (H.K.) \$	2 1/8 n.

Japanese Youth Attempts Record

Kobe, Feb. 23 (Dome).—Seeking to establish a new Japanese record for a sustained glider flight, Seishu Yoshikawa, 24, took off at 2.27 p.m. on Saturday for Akogahara airfield, in Mie prefecture, from atop Mount Rokko. The airline distance between the two points is about 90 miles. Yoshikawa and his assistants have been waiting at the top of Mount Rokko since February 1, awaiting favourable wind and weather conditions.

Soviet Denies Influence

MOSCOW, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—The "Tass" agency is authorised to deny that Russia had anything to do with the signing of the Turco-Bulgarian Pact as reported by a Swiss newspaper.

RADIO

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H.K.T., 12.15 p.m. Short Service of Inter-connection.
12.30 Selections from Verdi's Opera.
1.0 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 Dance Music by Ambrose and His Orchestra.
1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.45 Rale Da Costa at the Piano.
1.55 Hawaiian Vocal Selections.
2.15 Close down.
5.45 Indian Programme.
6.30 Closing local Stock Quotations.
6.32 Musical Comedy Selections.
Swing Along—Selection... Derby Somers Band with Vocal Chorus; Comedyland... Columbia Light Opera Company with Orchestra; Conversation Piece—Selection; My Weakness—Selection... Patricia Rossborough (Piano); It's Love Again—Selection; Queen of Hearts—Selection... Sydney Kyte and His Piccadilly Hotel Band with Vocal Chorus.

London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—A Talk.

7.30 Grieg—Peer Gynt Suite, No. 3, Op. 55.

Ingrid's Lament—Arabian Dance—The Return of Peer Gynt—Solveig's Song—New Light Symphony Orchestra cond. by Eugene Goossens.

7.45 Studio—An appeal for Volunteers for the Police Reserve by the Hon. Mr. C. G. Pridmore, Acting Commissioner of Police.

7.50 Grieg—Elegiac Melodies, Op. 34.

London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Eugene Goossens.

8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 This week's programmes.

8.07 Tangos.

Do You Like Dancing? (Rosen); Night of Love Divine (Dostal); Dajos Bela Dance Orchestra.

8.15 London Relay—"Hi Gang!"

9.0 London Relay—"The News."

9.15 London Relay—"Questions of the Hour."

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9.30 Variety.

Two Pianos—T'in Pan Alley Melody; Intro: And the angels sing; What goes up must come down; What shall I say; Don't worry 'bout me; Our love; You grow sweeter as the years go by; Ivor Moxton and Dave Kory with string bass and drums; Comedian—Juliette; The Love Bug Will Bite You... Max Miller with Orch.; Ballroom Waltz Memories Part 1; Intro: Invitation to the Waltz; Destiny; Merry Widow; Three o'clock in the Morning... Debroy Somers Band; Comedians—Keeping Up the Old Tradition... The West-Com Brothers; Ballroom Waltz Memories Part 2; Intro: The Skaters; The Chortlers; The Cuckoo; After the Ball... Debroy Somers Band; Vocal—Cryin' My Heart Out For You (Johnson and Hopkins)... Kitty Mars with Orchestra.

9.45 News in French (on 9.52 m.c.s. only).

10.0 London Relay—"News from Home" by Howard Marshall.

10.15 Dance Music.

11.0 Close down.

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

1—Broad necktie
2—Tender corrupt
3—Extra
4—Bottom (French)
5—Burr
6—That man
7—Large speech
8—Here again
9—Terminate
10—Lined again
11—Human
12—Good as dead
13—Writing table
14—Legal code
15—Old time (poetic)
16—Beast's home
17—United
18—English farmer
19—Small stream
20—Cosmetic
21—Small stream
22—Established equivalence
23—Lion
24—Exclamation
25—East Indian weight
26—Mythical birds
27—Ritual quantities
28—Small animal
29—Cheese covering
30—Small dog
31—Hearing organ
32—Chinese measure
33—Roman amphitheatre

DOWN

1—Remains of fire
2—Consumed

3—Call (Scottish)
4—Unlucky remnant
5—Rip
6—Baked clay
7—Literary collection
8—That thing
9—Field of snow
10—Elephant's nose
11—Badgered
12—Trilling
13—Strong
14—Thing a law
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16—Worth
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Hongkong News of the Week

A Page For The Evacuees

Monday

February 17

Farewell to Colleagues. Mr. R. H. E. Marks, Assistant Superintendent of Police, and Inspector S. Shepherd, who are due to leave for Australia on retirement shortly, were given a farewell party at the Police Recreation Club to-night.

Inspector Post, Chairman of the Club, called on the Police Commissioners, Hon. Mr. C. G. Perdue, to present mementos to the guests.

The evening was marked by a most successful concert, the artists being mainly members of the Force. Among those who contributed items were Mr. Marks, Mr. A. Spary, Cpl. Edmonds, Sgt. Reynolds, Sgt. Billingham, Sgt. Jenner, Sgt. Rennie, P. O. Edge, Sgt. Hayward, Sgt. Renfold, Mr. Doherty and the Great Marvino, I.M.M. who, assisted by Sgt. Rennie, entertained the gathering with an exhibition of legendariness of his customary high standard.

Master of Ceremonies for the night was Sgt. Billingham.

Big Increase in Dysentery. The heavy increase in the number of cases of dysentery reported in the Colony last week is attributed by the authorities to bad food plus improper cooking due to the prohibitive cost of firewood it is understood.

According to the returns of the Medical Department, the number of cases of dysentery on Thursday was 23, compared with only two the previous day, and the figure for Friday was 12.

It was stated to-day that at present the price of firewood is about the same as that of rice before the war. At that time one dollar would buy 20 catties of rice, while in the Colony at present one dollar buys only 22 catties of firewood.

Italian Report. Chinese reports say that Japanese naval bases in Hainan Island have just been completed after twenty months of work. They are Yulinkang in the south, Chihliankang in the east, and Hsin-pangtang in the west. These include aerodromes, hangars, work shops and oil installations. Some of the barracks have been modernised.

Replying, his Worship said that he regretted having to leave the Court but circumstances did not allow him to remain. He expressed thanks to barristers and solicitors for their kind help in the past and for their good wishes.

Mother Mary Motta.—The death occurred at 3 a.m. to-day of Mother Mary Motta, at the age of 38. She passed away at St. Francis Hospital, Wanchai, after a long illness.

Mother Motta was a member of the Staff of St. Mary's School, and had been in the Colony for ten years. She was held in the greatest affection by all who knew her.

Successful A.R.P. Test.—Testing of the dust ventilation system in the A.R.P. tunnels opposite the Court and Shamshui Bank Building this morning was very satisfactory, but the tests could not be completed owing to a misunderstanding with the coolies.

"The system of ventilation worked very well indeed," said Mr. B. H. Puckle, Deputy Director of A.R.P., but the objects of the tests were to compare two different methods of ventilation. We cannot say which is the best until we have carried out the second test. A certain number of Europeans were in the worst part of the tunnel, and appeared none the worse after the test."

About 1,500 coolies were used in the test, which lasted about two and a half hours. The exhaust fan system of ventilation will be tested to-morrow.

Farewell Presentation.—Colleagues and friends of Inspector Sidney Shepherd, Divisional Inspector, South, presented him with a silver model of a junk and a gold Rolex watch at the Water Police Station, as a memento on the occasion of his retirement from the Hongkong Police Force after 20 years' service.

The presentation was made by Sub-Inspector Olivier, the new officer in charge, Water Police, and Inspector Shepherd expressed a few words of appreciation and thanks.

A native of Acton, Inspector Shepherd saw service with the Coldstream Guards in the last war. He was demobilised in 1920, and in October of that year joined the Hongkong Police.

Lawn Bowls.—Playing on Kowloon Cricket Club's green to-day, the home team were beaten in a friendly return game of lawn bowls by a team from Lane Crawford's, 54-47. Scores were:

S. Carr, G. Tanner, A. B. Hamson, and E. C. Fletcher (L.C.) beat H. Brokenshire, S. A. Gray, R. B. Wellwood and J. Fraser 19-15.

H. Burton, T. H. Edgar, H. W. Randall and A. W. Brown (L.C.) lost to A. E. P. Guest, R. G. Burch, A. Steven and V. C. Labrum 10-20.

W. C. Ogley, J. W. Bertram, J. H. S. Duncan and W. W. Parson (L.C.) beat D. Huns, F. Zimmerman, L. Jack and T. A. Madar 10-12.

Seven-A-Side Rugby.—On account of the rain the Blarney Stone seven-a-side rugby tournament scheduled for to-day was postponed.

to accommodate German technical experts and military advisers.

All the bases are improvised constructions, as military experts here pointed out that no big naval base can be constructed in two years. This view takes into consideration Japanese shortage of war materials, steel and iron and the distance between Japan and Hainan. The docks there are large enough to accommodate destroyers and light cruisers and are fit for minor repairs and overhauling.

While Chinese reports state that the Japanese strength on the island has been increased to 100,000, this is believed to be an exaggeration. The latest report states that there were one division and one brigade there, aggregating about 30,000 officers and men at most. These soldiers are being taught to become paratroopers, instructed by the German experts.

Golf. The finals of the Stubbs Shield and G. M. Young Cup were played recently and resulted as follows:

Stubbs Shield.—P.W.D. (D. S. Edward and C. W. E. Bishop 13) beat 5th A.A. Regt. R.A. (T. A. Pearce and J. D. Clague 8) by one hole.

G. M. Young Cup.—Hongkong and Shanghai Bank beat Butterfield and Swire.

In the second competition for the S. C. M. Post Boner Fund, Major K. S. Simpson (20) and Capt. A. C. F. Drew Wilkinson (15) tied with scores of 5 up. They will play off. There were 243 entries.

Badminton. University A defeated Recreio 9-0, in the A division of the badminton league to-night.

T. K. Hui and H. F. Chiu beat M. A. Oliveira and A. M. Rodrigues 21-12; beat J. J. Remedios and H. F. Gonsalves 21-7; beat L. A. Carvalho and A. M. Silva 23-22.

K. W. Choy and C. K. Lee beat Oliveira and Rodrigues 21-3; beat Remedios and Gonsalves 21-12; beat Carvalho and Silva 21-1.

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The funeral will take place to-day at the Roman Catholic Cemetery, passing the Monument at 5 p.m.

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Review Of

The Principal Topics

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Wednesday

February 19

Record Prices For Firewood. The price of firewood has further increased, and to-day only 17 catties could be bought for a dollar. On Monday the price fluctuated between 18 and 19 catties, while no change was recorded on Tuesday.

It is understood that Government is importing firewood in order to relieve the acute situation, and that a shipment is expected to arrive within the next week.

To-day's quotation constituted a record in the price of this essential fuel.

Firewood from old railway sleepers is being offered for sale in many shops in Hongkong and Kowloon. The sleepers are approximately 5½ feet by one foot, and weigh about 22 to 23 catties. They are cut up in convenient lengths and sold at 22 catties to the dollar.

These sleepers which number hundreds of thousands were originally ordered by the Chinese Government for the extension of their railway line in the interior, but owing to disruption of transport by the Japanese invasion, they had been stored in Hongkong since their arrival here two years ago.

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Budget Debate. Outspoken criticisms of Government Administration in general and the conduct of several departments in particular were made by Unofficial Members of the Legislative Council to-day when a debate on the Budget introduced by the Financial Secretary (the Hon. Mr. H. R. Butters) on January 10 was held.

His Excellency the Acting Governor, Lieut-General E. F. Norton, was unable to preside at the meeting owing to an injury sustained while walking in the country on the previous day, and his place was taken by the Colonial Secretary (the Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith).

The Hon. Mr. J. J. Patterson, Senior Unofficial Member, asked how not one Civil Servant was ever dismissed for inefficiency, although the conduct of some of Government's affairs was bad. Referring to the evacuation, he said that all three parties to it had behaved badly—the Colonial Government, the Home Government and some of the evacuees, who continued to complain.

The need for the overhauling of the Government system was stressed by the Hon. Mr. S. H. Dowell, who emphasised the extreme seriousness of the many adverse reports and complaints which for too many members of the public had brought. On the question of taxation, he said that, compared with Home, the Colony was ridiculously lightly taxed, but he was not in favour of increasing taxation on the low level income in view of the excessive rise in the cost of living.

A strong attack against the administration of the War Revenue Ordinance by the Immigration Office and the Food Controller, was made by the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, who appealed for more civility by civil servants in the performance of their duties. He also opposed the proposed revision of the principles under which war taxation was based, pointing out that it was fundamentally opposed to that taken up by Government when the Bill was introduced.

Perhaps the most outspoken comment against the Government came from the Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada, Jr., who urged it to emulate the dictators in one regard, that was to take measures to purge its ranks. The Hon. Mr. D'Almada also spoke of racial distinction in Government employment, and said that if the laws were not so strict the correspondence columns of the newspapers would be full of the most interesting disclosures and revelations.

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The Hon. Mr. A. L. Shields expressed grave concern at the estimated deficit and urged that a tight rein be kept on expenditure by Government Departments on their pet schemes, which might endanger the solvency of the Colony. On the question of providing vessels for the Admiralty, he suggested the construction of freighters because they would be in demand long after the war is over.

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In his reply, the Financial Secretary said that he had never viewed the expenditure programme as ideal but submitted that it was necessary. There was no oppressive taxation in the Colony, which was at present enjoying an unprecedented prosperity in spite of the high cost of living, and he argued that none of the new taxation proposed was oppressive.

The President disclosed that Government had decided to appoint a strong Committee to enquire into the various allegations which had recently been made against the Immigration Officer and his staff, that the Food Control organization had been under very active scrutiny in the past week, and that, as regards the supply of firewood, a representative had been sent to Hainan, Borneo and Malaya to enquire into this vital necessity. The first shipment of firewood from Sandakan was expected shortly.

New ship launched. Designed specifically to carry timber and firewood the 4,200-ton motor vessel Hsin Sang, built at Kowloon Dock for the Indo-China Steam Navigation Co. Limited and launched to-day, the vessel was christened by Lady Grayburn, wife of Sir Vandeleur Grayburn, Chief Manager of the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation.

A large gathering saw the ship smartly into the water at 4 p.m. after Lady Grayburn had broken the traditional bottle of champagne over her bows. About 250 guests then gathered to honour the customary toasts.

Friday

February 21

Ladies Hockey Association. As the Hongkong Ladies Hockey Association had never left so secure financially, the Chairman expressed the opinion, at the annual meeting to-night, that this was the time for a generous gesture on their part, and suggested that \$400 be donated to the South China Morning Post Bomber Fund. The proposal was carried unanimously.

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Saturday

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Quips By "Argus"
With Acknowledgments

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Now the great question is whether three or seven are luckier on a heavy track.

Everybody seems to be excited about Hongkong except Hongkong. Maybe it's folly to be wise.

Headline in an American paper:

Governor To Stay Home, Nurse Cold

I see that a Japanese detachment was "heavily declined." Possibly one of those recurring decimals.

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MATSUOKA'S OFFER

MR Matsuoka, Japan's Foreign Minister, is reported to have offered to do anything in the Far East that would serve to restore a feeling of security. That is a most interesting proposition. Giving Mr Matsuoka the credit for being an honourable man, is it not possible that his advisers, strongly coloured by Naziism, are anxious to lull the Far East into a false sense of safety? That while we were listening to soft cooings from Tokyo, this end of the Axis would be arming to the teeth to strike at a more opportune time? Mr Matsuoka does not have to ask us

what he should do to restore harmony. As regards Britain, he should withdraw his army, navy and air force from Indo-China where they have no good reason to be; he should cease being the willing foot of our greatest enemy, putting up on the defensive here because he has admitted thousands of German sailors and military and naval experts to his shores, and to his counsels, in circumstances that have raised legitimate suspicion of Japanese complicity in raider warfare at sea and army incursions near our borders. The Netherlands, Philippines and China can look after themselves and we shall be behind them because, selfish as it may sound, their interests have been tied up with ours almost irrevocably by Japanese action and statements.

How can we agree that their southward expansion is peaceful and economic when Tokyo statesmen invariably add the postscript that if their peaceful aims are not successful, they will proceed with arms? Such a policy is the of a gangster approaching a Policeman with the words, "I will not shoot if you hand over your revolver and let me take over your beat. I want to look after my friends and get a little something on the side for myself."

If there is anything sincere about Japanese policy it is dislike of a war with Britain and America. We should appreciate that but for the certain fact that when she is prepared and when the advance starts, her military leaders will not hesitate to send the Japanese people into the conflict again if resistance is met.

Japan is somewhat like the good boy who stroked out of the family council and finding an easy-going weaker friend, fell to bullying. The little boy was not disciplined; in fact he managed to wrest some childish spoils which stimulated a latent avaricious streak. He strayed more often and took some beatings from his victims but then he fell among bad companions who played upon his decision—whether to stay on the streets at night or go home to his own home and a regular, if small, wage.

It's the old story of law versus the lawless but nowadays every citizen belongs to the vigilantes. Japan will not be told: the democracies will not be cowed.



RALPH INGERSOLL

INGERSOLL: Ex-Ambassador Kennedy, you know, is talking on the radio to-night. Did you have any chance to know him when you were in London? Did you have any business with him? Did you and the other American correspondents there interest yourselves at all in how this country was being represented in London?

ROBERTSON: Yes, we did. We had constant business with him. We saw him on many occasions. In fact, to the American correspondents, how we were represented was one of the most important questions we felt we had to answer. You know, London in the midst of the war is a small town and everybody knows everybody else, especially among the American colony. We were in particularly close contact with the Ambassador because we were all aliens in a country that was at war and every step we took was being taken through the Ambassador. We were in and out of his office every day on some business or other. All of us.

INGERSOLL: As I recall, you got to tell the men who were fighting the Nazis pretty well too—the active members of the British Government, men who were shooting down German bombers, raiders and submarines. Do you think they could have concealed their real opinions from you?

ROBERTSON: No, certainly not. If you go through a crisis with them there is sure to come a time when you stop talking for the record and making diplomatic speeches and say what you really think.

INGERSOLL: Possibly you even asked such an indiscreet question as "What do you think of the American Ambassador in London?" sometime or other?

ROBERTSON: Yes, that is true. They told us what Kennedy had said to them. In fact, one of the interesting things was to compare what Kennedy had said to them with what he had said to us. He always led them to believe he was their greatest friend and even that last news reel he made before he left the Embassy to get the plane to Lisbon gave the impression that they were doing a fine job and that he was on their side. I was at the Embassy when that news reel was being made. It cheered up the British a great deal. They thought it was fine.

Said Different Things

INGERSOLL: I don't quite get that. You tell me that the British were pleased by what he said to them, but it doesn't sound as if you American correspondents always were. Didn't he say the same thing to you that he said to them?

ROBERTSON: No, I was relieved when I heard about the news reel because that hadn't been my impression at all. He had given me and other American correspondents the distinct impression that he was very sceptical about British chances.

INGERSOLL: The American Ambassador said one thing to the British and another to the American correspondents?

ROBERTSON: Yes, in fact, I was relieved when I heard what he said for the news reel because I was afraid he had lost confidence.

INGERSOLL: Lost confidence? That is interesting. What kind of people did he talk to or do business with?

ROBERTSON: Well, he saw everybody. I think he saw almost everybody. I often said he was a misunderstood man and often mentioned that he was proud about the fact that he was the last man to introduce Lindbergh to Chamberlain.

It is so difficult to get that man Kennedy down. He was so devious. I remember how we talked about his logic—how we couldn't see that his conclusions could possibly come from his premises?

He still seems to think that Britain would prefer to fight. But on the other hand he would give you the impression that they were right in fighting. I think he was giving us a chance to arm. That we should arm. But at the same time he was going home to denounce the President and might back the Republicans. I was so concerned I got word to him to think it over before he acted. No man appointed by the Democratic Party can come out against the nominee for the Democratic Party. Some of his secretaries told me they had been arguing with him for days. And it certainly was our impression in London that he was dead against Roosevelt.

One correspondent even wrote up the story. The rest of us didn't get out on a limb because we knew him. We knew how mercurial he was. We have been wondering ever since what happened between the time he left London and the time he arrived in New York. When he came out for the President just before the election he was doing the same kind of thing he had been doing in London—saying one thing for the public and another in private.

INGERSOLL: You know, talking to you about Kennedy in London is like developing a negative in the dark room. There's a picture emerging here but it doesn't seem to me to be the picture of one of America's great men. He doesn't look like Benjamin Franklin, the man who represented our interests in France in the course of the American Revolution.

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INGERSOLL: Did he ever say anything to you about what he thought Britain's war aims were?

ROBERTSON: He said "I can't make head or tail out of what this war's all about. If you can find out why the British are standing up against the Nazis you are a better man than I am."

INGERSOLL: That is rather an extraordinary statement for any ambassador—particularly one representing a President who has been so outspoken in his analysis of the forces involved in the war in Europe.

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INGERSOLL: Donovan thought it was a good cause, well fought. Then you think Donovan's confidence may have come from talking with other American observers in the embassy?

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TEN YEARS FOR LOOTING

Portsmouth Policemen Sentenced

The heaviest sentences yet passed for looting were given recently to two Portsmouth policemen. Each was ordered 10 years' penal servitude.

Police Constable Douglas John Clark, 38, and Police Constable Arthur Elmar Beeson, aged 23, stole furs from a shop in Southsea which had been damaged in the raids.

Clark, a married man with three children, took a 28gns. mink marmot coat.

Beeson, a married man with one child, took an 8gns. skunk cape.

Convicts Now

Both admitted their thefts at Winchester Assizes.

At the Police court hearing last October the Chief Constable said that an anonymous letter started his inquiries.

In addition to the sentences, the men lose their jobs, their pensions, and their characters.

They become convicts. Looting is a crime punishable by the death sentence. No death sentence has yet been passed, but several judges have warned looters that it can be passed.

Sir Gerald Dodson, the Recorder of London, has hinted at it. He told looters before him about "the heaviest penalty which a wise legislature has made available," and said that his efforts to deal with looting by passing lenient sentences had failed.

The previous heaviest sentence on a looter was at Birmingham on a soldier.

He received six years' penal servitude. There have been several sentences of five years.

Chinese Uses Farm Refuse For Gasoline

A new synthetic gasoline, which eventually may help to solve China's acute transportation problem, has been discovered by Prof. Li Ki-wei, dean of the National Yunnan University. The gas is made of agricultural refuse and by-products.

During experiments Professor Li's fuel showed a serviceability 20 per cent. higher than natural gasoline. It is colourless, after bleaching, and has the same smell and specific gravity as gasoline. It has a lower ignition point, a higher British Thermal Unit, and is devoid of corrosive elements.

Professor Li estimates that his fuel can be produced at a cost of about \$8 or \$10 (Chinese) per gallon, whereas natural gasoline costs \$20 per gallon.

The one real drawback seems to be that the new fuel takes a month to produce. Professor Li is seeking a new method of production which will enable manufacture in less time. To date the artificial fuel has not been produced commercially, but only in laboratories.

Tunney Is Physical Director Of Airmen

James J. Tunney, former heavy weight champion and once a private in the Marine Corps, was commissioned recently as a Lieutenant Commander in the U.S. Naval Reserve. He was ordered immediately to active duty as physical director and co-ordinator of physical education at Pensacola and Jacksonville, Fla., and Corpus Christi.

ROBBED RAID DEAD

The prosecutor said it was "a horrible and disgusting case" when George Alfred Hobbs, a mortuary assistant, was charged in London recently with stealing a ring from the body of an air raid victim. Found in Hobbs' possession were two men's rings, three women's rings, ten £1 notes, two wrist watches.

Modern Exploration In China: Frenchman Slain

- CHUNGKING, Feb. 22 (Central News).—M. A. Gubault, famous French explorer representing the French Geographical Society in Paris, arrived in Chungking recently following a seven-month tour of Sikang. During his tour he met with an unfortunate incident and lost his associate, M. L. Liotard, who accompanied him, all his films and belongings.

This happened on September 9, 1940 when Gubault's caravan, consisting of two Tibetans a Chinese servant, five horses and 10 yaks, was attacked by a group of 20 bandits.

Armed with guns, the bandits descended upon them from a high mountain north-west of Kangling. Liotard and the Chinese servant were killed while Gubault managed to escape to a lamaserie in company with the two Tibetans, his overcoat riddled with bullets.

They were cordially received by the lamas and after four days the French explorer and the two Tibetans, accompanied by six lamas, resumed the tour on horseback. They went as far as Luho, a small town inhabited mainly by Chinese.

Resumed Journey

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Softball

WILDCATS NOSE OUT WAHOOS

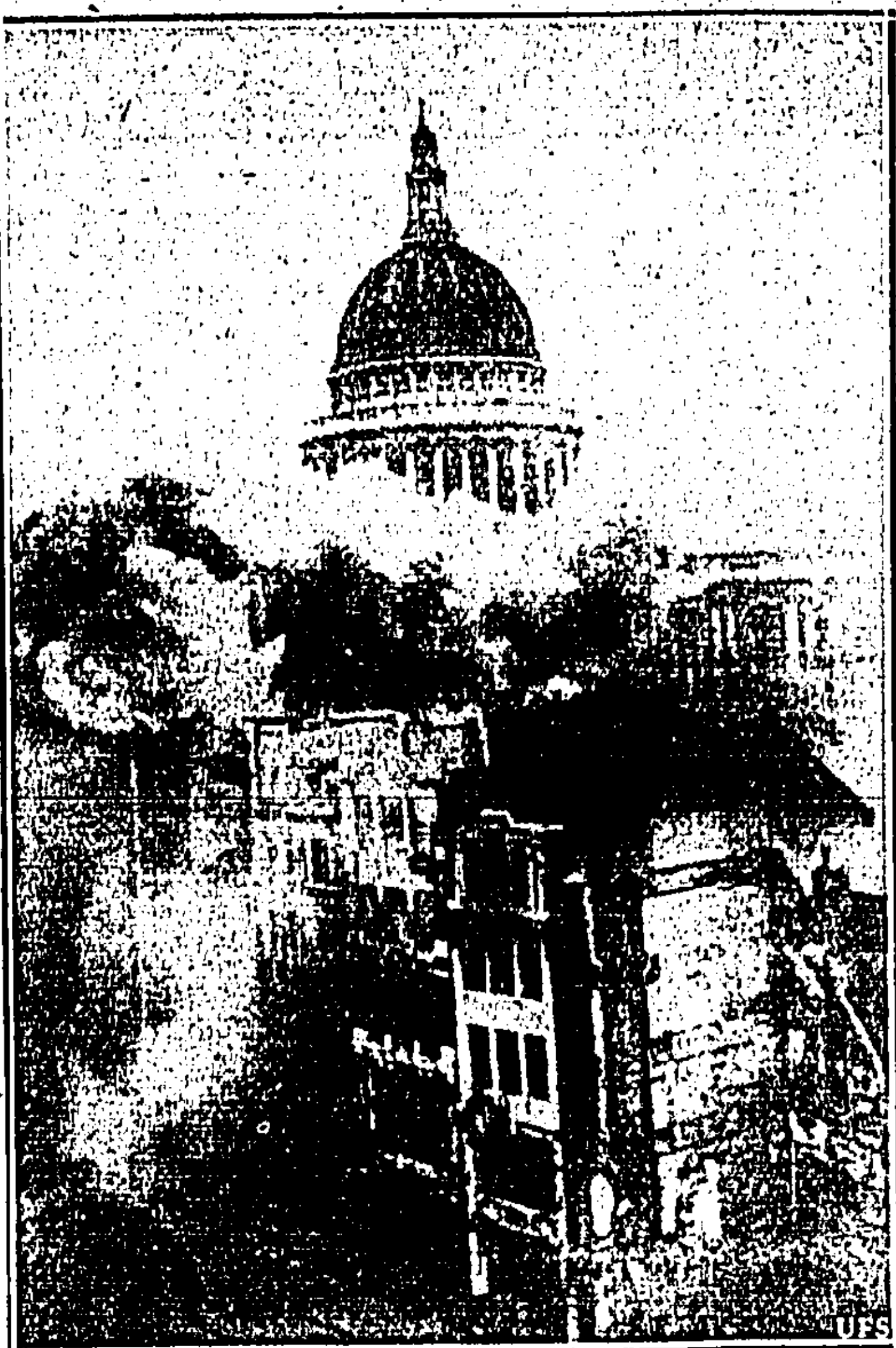
OUTSTANDING softball matches of the week-end were those between the Wildcats and the Wahos, and the Mohawks and Chinese B. C. In both games the first names emerged the winner by the odd run. Scores in brief were:

GIRLS
Cardinals 19, Ramblerettes 5.
Wildcats 4, Wahos 3.
Chung Hwa 24, Lan Florinhu 13.
MEN, MAJOR LEAGUE
Recreio Aces defeated the Cyclones.
Indians 8, Canucks 1.
Mohawks 8, Chinese 7.
HONO
Hongkong Bank 10, Texaco 7.

La Salle College Athletic Meet On Saturday

Owing to the long programme of events in the annual athletic sports meeting of La Salle College to be held on March 1, the finals were decided on Saturday, besides the running of heats. Participants were handicapped by a strong wind and performances were not up to the standard shown in previous years.

Following were the results of the finals held on Saturday:
100 yds. (Senior) Heat 1.—1. H. Hyndman; 2. Marcus Ng; 3. A. MacKeechlin. Distance, 37 ft. 3 ins.
200 yds. (Senior) Heat 1.—1. J. R. Pereira; 2. A. Goncalves; 3. F. Marcell. Distance, 32 ft. 8 ins.
400 yds. (Senior) Heat 1.—1. A. MacKeechlin; 2. A. Rodriguez; 3. J. Xavier. Distance, 100 yds.
800 yds. (Senior) Heat 1.—1. J. R. Pereira; 2. A. Silva; 3. A. MacKeechlin. Distance, 100 yds.
1,600 yds. (Senior) Heat 1.—1. L. Sequeira; 2. A. Goncalves; 3. R. Silva. Distance, 100 yds.
3,200 yds. (Senior) Heat 1.—1. N. Castro; 2. A. P. Silva; 3. A. P. Silva. Distance, 100 yds.
6,400 yds. (Senior) Heat 1.—1. J. Francisco; 2. A. Goncalves; 3. T. Remedios. Distance, 100 yds.
12,800 yds. (Senior) Heat 1.—1. F. Lardner; 2. A. Goncalves; 3. J. Pereira. Distance, 100 yds.
25,600 yds. (Senior) Heat 1.—1. G. Salazar; 2. G. Prado; 3. J. Prado. Distance, 100 yds.
HEATS
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LONDON BLASTS—Smoke curls around rooftops in London as workers dynamite tottering buildings. St. Paul's dome looks down on skeletons of structures menacing Londoners after Nazi raids.

Rugby

Combined Services Draw 3-3 With Club-Police

Keen And Hard-fought Game

RUGGER at Happy Valley on Saturday was keen and hard fought when Combined Services drew 3-3 with Club-Police after leading 3-0 at half time. Both sides had opportunities of clinching the issue but thrilling tackles and narrow misses at goal kept the score to a low level.

Paul, Navy three-quarter, was back again to the fore, while Fairclough, full back, found touch on numerous occasions with excellent long punts. Stewart, marking Paul, too, was in great form, and ran strongly when in possession.

Hockey

Recreio Hold Visiting Macao XI

EXCELLENT HOCKEY was witnessed at King's Park yesterday when the Club de Recreio entertained a team from Macao and succeeded in holding the powerful visiting XI to a 2-2 draw.

Weak link of the visiting team was found in their forward line. Their halves and backs presented a most determined front, and held the persistent Recreio forwards at bay for considerable periods. Persistence, however, had its reward when J. Fonseca registered for Recreio to give the local side a 1-0 lead at the interval.

It was in the second period that Macao was most prominent. Their halves—J. Nolasco, Alex Afonso and Trigo Silva—were a fine combination and gave ample support to their forwards. It was mainly through their efforts that Macao registered twice in the second half, and with a little more accuracy and initiative in their forward line might easily have emerged the winners.

For Recreio, R. Marques and J. Goncalves, were a hard-working pair of backs, and in the second half the centre of the field as centrehalf, while in the forward line J. A. Soares, J. M. Gosano and B. Gosano combined well.

P. Angelo, who was playing well in the Macao forward line, and A. Afonso, scored Macao's two goals, while B. Gosano notched Recreio's other.

Teams were:
Recreio—H. Goncalves; R. Marques, J. Goncalves; P. Yvanovich, W. A. Reed, A. P. Alves; J. A. Soares, J. M. Gosano, J. M. Sequeira, J. Fonseca, Macao—Almada; Banto, Ferreira; J. Nolasco, Alex Afonso, Trigo Silva; P. N. Nolasco, Alvaro Afonso, P. Angelo, F. Namalho, R. Angelo.

Ferrier Wins Miami Open

Miami, Florida, Feb. 13. Jim Ferrier, the Australian open golf champion and formerly of Shanghai, won the amateur prize in the \$10,000 Miami Open Golf championship, when he scored a par 70 to defeat Earl Christensen, a Miami detective, three strokes in an 18-hole playoff for amateur honours.

Ferrier and Christensen had tied with 207 strokes for 72-holes, seven over par. —Reuter.

Small Units Sports

The Combined Small Units will hold an individual athletic meeting on the Chatham Road ground, on March 17, 18 and 19 when the following events will be held—100 yards, 220 yards, 440 yards, 880 yards, one mile, three miles, high jump, long jump, pole vault, 120 yards high hurdles, shot putt, javelin throw, hammer throw, and discus throw.

There will also be an open mile medley relay race. Entries should reach the Officer in charge of Combined Small Units, Athletics, care of the Hongkong Signal Company by March 10 at the latest.

Police Walk-out In Tientsin

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" TIENTSIN, Feb. 23 (UP).—The Chinese police staged a walk-out at noon to-day.

Official sources state that the reasons are similar to the recent British police strike; however, the Chinese police state they are simply dissatisfied with the severity of certain French inspectors. The military has not been called out and the cinemas and shops are open as usual.

N. E. I. — Japan Talks

Nippon Claims Headway

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" BATAVIA, Feb. 23 (Domei).—Despite reports of a crisis in the South Pacific area, observers here declared that a series of talks now under way between the Japanese Consul-General, Mr. Yukio Ishizawa, and Mr. J. W. van Hoogstraten, Director of the Commercial Affairs Bureau of the Netherlands East Indies Government, are progressing satisfactorily.

Mr. Ishizawa and Mr. van Hoogstraten conferred more than six times. It is reported that a certain understanding on points of general nature has already been reached. While the conference so far is said to have marked by a frank exchange of views, the talks are expected to be continued this week.

BIG AIR FIGHT OVER CHANNEL

Nazi Invaders Turned Back

LONDON, Feb. 23 (Reuter).

A strong force of German fighters and bombers invaded the skies over the Straits of Dover this afternoon following Saturday's patrol activities and small-scale daylight raids on south-east England.

Spitfires and A.A. guns along the Channel coast went into action and several groups of enemy machines were turned back before reaching the English coast.

There had been considerable activity over the Straits by Spitfires during the morning and British bombers were seen flying across the sea.

Scattered Activity
LONDON, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—Enemy air activity over Britain to-night (Sunday), has been scattered.

Bombs were dropped in a field in a southern district and enemy planes were reported in the vicinity of a north-east town.

The alert was sounded early in the evening in London but the all clear followed. Early reports suggested that the attack on the capital has been very slight.

German Air Losses

LONDON, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—Thirteen German airplanes were lost over Britain between February 16 and 22, inclusive. During the same period British losses were nil. The Germans lost four on February 16; six on February 17, one on February 21 and two on February 22. The British lost seven planes over Germany during the same period.

Middle East losses from February 16 to 22 were Germans, 5; Italians, 20; and British, six. Two further German planes were brought down by the British Navy.

Fighters Chase Nazis

It was learned later that German fighters and fighter-bombers, numbering about a squadron, were chased back across the Straits of Dover during the afternoon by British fighters. They failed to penetrate beyond the coast and there are no reports of bombs being dropped.

Tokyo Govt Meets Chiefs Of Forces

Liaison Conference

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Feb. 24 (Domei).—An extraordinary liaison conference between the Government and the High Command took place at the Premier's official residence from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday to discuss the latest domestic and international situations.

The Government was represented by the Foreign Minister, Mr. Yosuke Matsuoka, the Home Minister, Baron Kichiro Hirayama, the War Minister, Lieut-General Hideki Tojo, and the Navy Minister, Admiral Koshiro Kato. The High Command was represented by General Sugiyama, Chief of the Army General Staff, and Vice-Admiral Nobutake Kondo, Vice-Chief of the Naval General Staff.

Kuomintang & Communists

Doubt Of Future

CHUNGKING, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—Whether the Communist Army will obey orders in future is considerably pre-occupying official minds here.

Following the recent disbanding of the New Fourth (Communist) Army, it was thought that the differences between the Kuomintang and the Chinese Communist Party might be settled amicably through a frank discussion of the forthcoming meeting of the National Peoples' Political Council created by the Government in 1938 for the purpose of enabling all the various political groups to consult together.

It is hoped that the Communist leaders will attend the meeting and not withdraw their co-operation from the common effort.

The Kuomintang Provincial Council has appealed by telegram to the commander of the Communist Army to "obey orders."

Lend Ear To Matsuoka

Democracies Advised

TOKYO, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—Britain and the United States are urged by "Miyako," an influential Japanese daily, to "lend an ear" to the Japanese Foreign Minister in press interviews on Friday.

The newspaper says that Mr. Matsuoka was "not lying" when he said that Japan was not taking any measures liable to cause concern to Britain and America in the Pacific or the South Seas.

Britain and the United States are counselled to "refrain from taking any dangerous steps based on misunderstanding and misapprehension."



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ART TREASURES MAY GO TO U.S.

Privately-owned art treasures in Britain worth millions of pounds may shortly be sold to the United States to obtain money for the war effort. A scheme is being considered by the Board of Trade which proposes to ask people to sell these treasures abroad.

Electricity Charges

An error crept into the published announcement of the Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd., in Friday's issue, regarding standard charges for current. It should be noted that these increases will take effect in respect of all accounts issued for meters read on and after March 21, 1941.

MONDAY MORNING COMMENTARY

Senior Shield Quarter-Finals

Penalty Kick Decides Match In Eastern's Favour: Sing Tao Surprised By St Joseph's

(By "SCRAMBLER")

SHOWING A VASTLY improved form from their last league encounter, Kwong Wah very nearly surprised Eastern when they met yesterday in the quarter finals of the Senior Shield, succumbing only to a better organised attack by the odd goal in three. The losers were somewhat demoralised by the award of a "spot-kick" against them for accidental hands during the latter part of the first half from which Eastern obtained the lead. If a similar decision had been awarded them on two later occasions against the winners, the result might have been different.

Kwong Wah had only themselves to blame for the result, for their forwards were at no time dangerous, and never in the course of the whole game took an effective shot at goal. The insidemen were unable to co-operate with the wingers, and their passes and understanding often went astray. If they had been a little more concrete in their work, Eastern would have been sorely put to ward off the attacks.

A better co-ordinated attack was up against a steady defence, but the defence were unable to help their attack much due to the fact that their clearances were either weak or partially blocked. There was too much loose play, and although Eastern won, their victory was not very conclusive.

Thanks to the brilliant goal-keeping of Lee Kwok-kee Kwong Wah allowed Eastern to penetrate their defence twice only. It was the custodian who stood between the Eastern's attack and goal on many occasions, and his keen anticipation and judgment saved them time and again. He was well supported by a very steady pair of backs. Chung Fai-lam was the better of the two, intercepting and clearing well and had good support from Leung Pak-wai.

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Members are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.
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The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, EXCHANGE BUILDING, (Tel. 27794) will CLOSE AT 0.45 a.m. ON THE FIRST FOUR DAYS, and at 11.45 a.m. ON THE FIFTH DAY.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable each day at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box, (Tel. 21920).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

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The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2.00 per day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

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Tickets will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

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Passes for Servants will be issued to Private Box holders ONLY on application to the Secretary, 1st floor, Exchange Building.

Any persons found loitering with Servants' passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the Enclosure.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 10th February, 1941.

The intermediate line went about their work with a will, and spoilt many good movements. They were however unable to pass or clear accurately, and because of their concentration in defence, they were unable to help in their attack. Wong Wah-gay put in an excellent afternoon's work, but Yeung Poon-hon found that Hau Ching-tau was much too fast for him. Chung Kip-fay had a good control over C. T. Tsao.

Loose Forwards

In the attacks, Kwong Wah were unable to settle down as a team, the insidemen as stated were unable to partner with their wingers. Wong King-cheung caused the Eastern's attack the most worry, and Cheuk Shek-kam spoilt many good movements by holding on the ball too long. The inside trio had good support work, but were extremely weak in front of goal.

Much of Eastern's success can be laid at the feet of their halves, for their attack too although prominent was not on the dangerous side. Hui-let his men well as usual, but it was Hau Ching-tau who did all the shooting. Both Cheung Kam-hoi and Quoi Yeung-fok were not up to scratch, the latter did not appear to be an attacker at all. Hui King-sing held the middle of the field, and sent through many passes. Both Ng Kee-cheung and Lo Wai-kuen had control over their respective departments, but the former found that Wong King-cheung was not only fast but tricky. Lau Hin-hon did not have much to do, and the goal that went past him was the best of the match.

Even First Half

The ball was swung from one end to the other, and Eastern's pair of backs had the measure of Kwong Wah's attack, which was inclined to be on the loose side. Eastern concentrated their attack on the right side, and C. T. Tsao's centre was accidentally handled by Leung Pak-wai.

From the resultant "spot-kick" taken by Cheung Kam-hoi, Eastern obtained the lead. However, Kwong Wah appeared to have been badly shaken by this goal, for they went about their play very lethargically.

Crossing over with the lead of one goal, Eastern diverged their attack to the left where Kwong Wah's defence was weaker. During this period Lee Kwok-kee put in a great deal of good, saving on many occasions by diving full length for the ball. He saved magnificently from Hui-let and later from Hau Ching-tau at point blank range. Hau Ching-tau however increased the lead when he cut in to score from close range.

Thereafter, Kwong Wah awoke from their lethargy and subjected Eastern's goal to a series of raids, one of which Tin Yung-fat scored with a left foot drive that had Lau Hin-hon beaten all the way. This goal was the result of fine approach work on the right. With only five minutes Kwong Wah went all out for the equaliser, but their efforts were frustrated by Eastern's defence who were playing at the top of their form.

KWONG WAH: Lee Kwok-kee; Chung Fai-lam, Leung Pak-wai; Yeung Poon-hon, Wong Wah-gay, Chung Kim-fai; Cheuk Shek-kam, Tin Yung-fat, Lee Yan-leung, Lau Fook-chuen, Wong King-cheung, Kwong Wah-gay, S. Y. Yen, Ng Kee-cheung, Hau King-sing, Lo Wai-kuen; C. T. Tsao, Cheung Kam-hoi, V. Y. Hui, Quoi Yeung-fok, Hau Ching-tau.

SING TAO BEATEN

Saints' Brilliant Win

Strengthened by the inclusion of Guy and Flanders, Saint Joseph's College created a surprise when they beat Sing Tao by 2-0 yesterday at Causeway Bay in the quarter finals of the Senior Shield. To Guy in the pivotal position and Sammy Tsang in goal, the Saints owed much of their success, for between the two of them, they had Sing Tao's attack bottled up.

The defence played up very well, where Hussain and Bowen were seen to good advantage by their bustling clearances. Guy was the best man on view, holding the fast Chinese forwards at bay. He was ably supported by Leonard on his left and T. Castilho on his right. It was in this department that the Saints were able to assume the supremacy.

In attack, the whole of the forward line found understanding. Here MacDonald by his foraging had the Chinese defence on tenterhooks. Santos partnered well with Cruz on the right and Gomes was able to play up to the full Flanders.

Tricky Trio

The Chinese forward line were not allowed to settle down. Guy saw to it that the tricky trio of Fung King-cheung, Kwok Ying-ke and Lai Shui-wing were not allowed to bring their intricate moves into play, and broke up many of their movements.

The intermediate trio were unable to hold the Saints' attack. Leung Wing-chiu was unable to master the fleet footed MacDonald and both Tsui Ah-fai and Soong Ling-sing found that the pair of wingers were a bundle of energy.

Only the good work of Hou Yung-sang and Mak Shui-hon at back was responsible for the Saints being unable to take the lead in the first half. Cheong Wing-choi played up well, but found MacDonald's methods a bit to his dislike. Sammy Tsang was in great form, saving several certain goals.

Play was very even in the first half, and had the Saints' forwards been able to shoot more accurately, they would undoubtedly have taken the lead. Sing Tao's attack were not allowed to get co-ordinated. Guy was ably aided by his wing halves, Hussain and Bowen supported them well.

With no score in the first half, the Saints went into the attack, and Leonard's lob shot was saved by Cheung Wing-choi. MacDonald followed up and the Chinese keeper allowed the ball to slip to the ground thereby allowing MacDonald to score. The Saints were definitely on top and the same player scored their second goal when he went through from a pass by Flanders.

SAINTS: Sammy Tsang; A. J. Hussain, J. Bowen; T. Castilho, Guy, D. Leonard; Cruz, Santos, MacDonald, Gomes, Flanders.

SING TAO: Cheung Wing-choi; Hou Yung-sang, Mak Shui-hon; Tsui Ah-fai, Leung Wing-chiu, Soong Ling-sing; Yeung Shui-yick, Fung King-cheung, Kwok Ying-ke, Lai Shui-wing, Ip Pak-wah.

Interport Probables v. British Army

THE INTERPORT hockey Probables will be playing the British Army to-morrow at 4.45 p.m. on the Club ground, King's Park. The Probables team will be:

V. M. Benwell, V. C. Bond and J. Goncalves; R. Mackay, W. A. Reed and N. B. Whitley; T. Whitley, G. Singh, B. Gosano, H. L. Ozorio and W. Brown.

Reserves—E. Fowler, D. T. Smith, A. Alves, W. Parker and A. E. P. Guest.

THRILLS IN THE GOALMOUTH



Sammy Tsang and J. Bowen (Saints) in a heading duel with Lai Shui-wing (Sing Tao) in front of the Saints' goal. A. J. Hussain, other Saints' back, is seen behind.—England Studios.

Rifle Shooting

Colony Lose Interport Match to Singapore

Largely due to lack of practice with aperture sights brought about by local military restrictions, Hongkong lost the 1940 Interport rifle shooting contest with Singapore, and thus the Far East Trophy, which it won in 1939.

The contest was first instituted in 1938 by the Hongkong Rifle Association. Shoots are conducted on postal lines and each team, comprising of 10 British subjects resident in the place, is allowed to fire on any date within the calendar year.

Hongkong fired on December 15. Conditions then were far from favourable and with lack of practice with aperture sights, the team was able to aggregate only 752 against their wining aggregate of 752 the previous year, whereas Singapore aggregated 762. The only possible at any range was C/Sgt Hale's 35 at 500 yards for Hongkong. Hongkong, however, won the Open Sight event, but this is only a subsidiary shoot and does not count towards the Interport result.

Following are the detailed results:

Interport				
SINGAPORE				
	200	500	600	Ttl.
L. A. J. Whitcombe	32	34	24	700
C.S.M. D. Hopkins	33	32	22	88
F/Sgt D. Holt	33	32	32	97
F/Lt S. P. Coulson	34	33	29	96
L/Cpl C. S. Goh	33	31	30	94
L.A.C. E. Lane	33	31	30	94
Gnr C. Child	31	31	30	92
R.Q.M.S. Bickelpike	31	30	30	91
Total	257	256	240	753

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SINGAPORE				
	200	500	600	Ttl.
L.A.C. S. Williams	32	34	24	90
Sgt H. J. Stephens	33	32	22	88
F/Sgt L. A. Ball	33	32	22	88
L.A.C. J. Bennett	33	32	22	88
C.S.M. W. Swanson	33	32	22	88
A.C.T. P. Howell	33	32	22	88
L.A.C. J. Spencer	33	32	22	88
L/Sgt Sutherland	33	32	22	88
Total	271	222	197	690

Reserves—Major White 73, P. S. M. Mead 64.

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NANCY



Bonapartists Planning For Pretender's Return

Bonapartists are negotiating with the French Government at Vichy for the return of Napoleon's great grand-nephew so that he may become the ruler of modern France, it is reported from Switzerland.

The young Prince, last of the conquering Corsican line, is now living quietly in Switzerland, not far from the French border. To make his return possible, the Vichy Government would have to abrogate a 55-year-old law which bans any French Pretender from France.

The name of the Prince, Louis Napoleon Jerome Victor Emanuel Marie, who prefers to be called the Count of Montfort, has been mentioned frequently among French Royalists ever since Adolf Hitler returned the body of "L'Aiglon," Napoleon's only son, to Paris.

Hitler's action was described by some observers there as the possible forerunner of a Napoleonic restoration. Friends and associates of the Prince said he had not been approached thus far by the Germans.

The Count of Montfort's one major rival for the throne of France is the Count of Paris, Pretender of the old Bourbon-Orleans line.

Served In Tunisia

Count Montfort's backers say that during his nation's brief war with Germany the young Prince served under the name of Louis Blanchard as an armoured car driver with the Foreign Legion in Tunisia.

Athletically inclined, Count Montfort's automobile racing experience equipped him admirably for this task, his partisans asserted.

In defence to Swiss neutrality laws he now remains inactive politically in his expensive lakeside villa, which is well guarded, surrounded by barbed wire and bristling with tank barriers. This is a part of Swiss military precautions along the frontier and not solely to guard the Prince.

The author of a volume of letters compiled from Napoleonic manuscripts in the family's possession, the Prince now is engaged in completing a second volume.

Mysterious Strong-Arm Clan Formed In France

France's mysterious new strong-arm clan—the "GP"—is reported to be spreading its organisation throughout the "unoccupied" zone.

Husky members of the "Groupes de Protection," wearing armbands lettered "GP" and leather jackets and helmet similar to those worn by motor-cyclists, made their first public appearance on Dec. 3 in Marseilles where they assisted police in controlling the crowds during a visit by their Chief of State, Marshal Petain.

The organisation was said to be composed mainly of former mobile guardsmen or the "hard-boiled" street fighters of Jacques Doriot's French Popular Party. Reports indicated a membership of 1,000 in Marseilles, 500 in Lyons, and additional units springing up in other cities in the unoccupied zone following activity by mysterious agents.

Means For Dictator

Some reports said it was a vigilante group. Others called it a French version of the Nazi Party's "SS" Elite Guard. Still others believed it might prove the means for a new dictator to ride to power in France over the heads of the Vichy Government.

There have been rumours from Vichy that the organisation was approved by Minister of the Interior Marcel Peyronnet. There has been no official word from Vichy sanctioning the corps, but Marshal Petain himself saw it in operation in Marseilles.

Doriot "Strong Man"

M. Doriot, a "disillusioned" Communist who later said he was incorporating the best in Communism and Fascism into his French Popular Party, long has been considered a possible "strong man" in the new France.

Thus far, M. Doriot has been directing his Party from Paris. Some "GP" members also are said to belong to Col. Francois de la Rocque's French Social Party, legal successor to the old semi-military Croix de Feu, and now called simply "French Social Progress" to comply with Vichy political rulings on parties in the unoccupied zone.

Both de la Rocque's followers and those of M. Doriot in recent years have been opposed bitterly by French Communists. There was one guess that the "GP" was a "safeguard against Communism."

New British Radio Offensive

Britain is to start a big propaganda war on enemy-occupied countries in the New Year.

The B.B.C., in collaboration with the Ministry of Information, will broadcast a bigger programme of regular news and features services all over Europe.

It is expected that British broadcasts will be heard in every Nazi-occupied territory every day for three hours longer than at the present time.

The B.B.C. does not suffer half as severely as the German radio stations from the presence of enemy raiders. Seldom, if ever, is it difficult to get some station on the British system, whereas all the German stations are "off" every night when the R.A.F. is on the job.

Woman Does Not Know Of War

A Brighton woman does not know Britain is at war. She is Mrs Hannah Leaver, of Ivory-place, who is 90, blind, and stone deaf.

"I have told her about the war," Mrs Dye, her daughter, said, "but cannot make her understand. She is surprised that she cannot have her ordinary allowance of butter and sugar, and the black-out is a mystery to her."

Goering Envoy To Britain

Vicars Suggestion

The suggestion that a noted Nazi airman captured in Britain recently had been sent by Goering is made in his parish magazine by the Rev. E. L. Macansey, vicar of Mapledurham, Oxon.

Mr Macansey previously said of this airman, "He was one of Hitler's most eminent advisers in the gentle art of murder from the air. He was his father's right-hand man in designing Nazi aircraft."

Now Mr Macansey says the airman was sent to England to discover why so vast a number of Nazi planes failed to return.

No Report

"He had special instructions to write a full report for Goering on his return. As, like this vast number of Nazi planes, the noted man himself failed to return, Goering did not receive the full report. But the airman will be able to reflect that he discovered the reason, even if he is not able to write home and tell the Nazis all about it."

Writ Failed To Stop French Ship

The French freighter, Fort de France, 4,279 tons, sailed for Martinique from New York recently despite an attempt by the British Ministry of Shipping to hold her in port.

Also on the high seas, her destination unknown, was the 7,011-ton French tanker, Mersin, which left Philadelphia without cargo. Other French ships which have sailed from United States ports recently under similar circumstances are reportedly aiding in the French evacuation from the British Isles.

Attachment Writ

The Fort de France has been held in port in New York by a Federal writ of attachment granted on Nov. 25, pending trial of a \$145,000 libel brought by the British for alleged failure of another French merchantman to deliver a British cargo.

French line officials quietly arranged clearance. Just before court closed, they deposited a certified cheque for \$155,487, covering a libel and litigation charges, and obtained an order vacating the attachment.

CLIFF SHELTER FOR 5,000

The Edith Borough Council, in Kent, propose to construct a deep air raid shelter for 5,000 in a sandcliff. Families will be able to live there in gas-proof shelters, which will include a nursery and an emergency maternity ward.



PRESENTS FOR ITALIANS—These are bombs stacked at quayside of Greek port that have been unloaded from transport and will supply British airmen fighting in Albania. They'll be dropped on Italians.

A.T.S. Purge—Debs May Have To Go

PRESENTATION AT COURT OR RIDING TO HOUNDS IS NO LONGER, ON ITS OWN, A SUFFICIENT QUALIFICATION FOR COMMISSIONED RANK IN THE A.T.S.

Many debutantes and duchess's daughters who obtained commissions in the early days of the war on the strength of their being "the right people," are likely to be reduced in rank.

Some of them may be called on to resign their commissions altogether.

This will be the effect of the War Office call for confidential reports on every officer in the A.T.S. organisation.

Details of the age, family, professional or other qualifications, disciplinary conduct, and personal character of every officer are asked for.

To Prove Ability

These will be carefully scrutinised in Whitehall, and those who do not come up to standard will be

By Ernie Bushmiller

Vichy Rejects Demands In Tokyo Peace Talks

The Council of Ministers at Vichy has rejected the Japanese mediation compromise, which would give one third of Laos and one fourth of Cambodia in French Indo-China to Thailand. Thailand's demand includes Battambang as far as the ancient temple ruins of Angkor Wat, Siem Reap and Lake Tonle-sar.

Indicative of the increasing American collaboration in Britain's economic warfare, it is forecast that President Roosevelt in the next few days will issue a Presidential proclamation increasing the scope of the export licence system to include sole leather, carbon black, jute, shellac, borax, glycerine, vegetable oils such as copra, coconut and palm oils and other goods.

The British Government has again advised Britons in Manchukuo to evacuate or else to remain at their own risk. Thirty-six members and children of the American Board Mission in North China are leaving for the United States this week. However, the majority of the Mission members are remaining in China.

Vichy, Feb. 22.

It is learned that the Council of Ministers has rejected the Japanese mediation compromise which would give one third of Laos and one fourth of Cambodia to Thailand.

The mediators at Tokyo prepared a compromise plan which would cost France one fourth of Cambodia, including Battambang as far as the ancient temple ruins of Angkor Wat, Siem Reap and Lake Tonle-sar.

At Friday's session of the Council of Ministers, the Government studied the compromise, judged it wholly unacceptable and decided to refuse it. It is learned that a telegram is now being prepared to notify Tokyo of the refusal.

Mr Matsukata notified Vichy of the Japanese mediation plan in the absence of Admiral Duran, who was in Paris, and pressed for an immediate reply in view of the expiration of the armistice which the French contend the Thais failed to respect.

The situation is tense because it is known that 30 Japanese warships are between Singapore and the Gulf of Siam while a large part of the rest of the fleet sailed for an unknown destination.

The Japanese compromise plan involved the French surrender of considerably more territory than the Thais originally demanded. This territory includes the rich northern corner of Cambodia, including the important towns of Battambang, Siem Reap, and Samrong and extends as far as the ruins of the antique temple, the Angkor Wat.—United Press.

Denial of Deadlock

Bangkok, Feb. 22.

The Government to-day issued a communique denying that the peace conference is deadlocked.

It stated: "It is hoped that out of the mediation will soon come a peaceful solution... showing that our great friend, Japan, has maintained justice in the best possible way."—United Press.

Preparations for War

Hanoi, Feb. 22.

Japanese authorities in Indo-China are watching with growing concern the warlike preparation being made by French authorities in Tonkin. Coupled with orders of Admiral Jean Decoux, to all prefects of Tonkin to

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THEY'D LIKE TO KNOW—British newspaper men fire questions in London at Colonel William J. Donovan, "mystery man" sent to Europe by President Roosevelt. They'd like to know his mission, but he wouldn't tell.

Il Duce Tells Why Italians Losing

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thanks to the sacrifices of the workers;

(9) Italy is proud of having dared to try her strength against Britain. Peoples become great when they have the courage to take risks;

(10) To conquer the Axis the British Armies must invade the Continent—a step which no Briton would ever dream of.

Mussolini declared: "The intervention of the United States is founded on the illusion of being a democracy and also on lies of an invasion of America is fantastic and ridiculous."

He concluded by declaring that the Fascist Italian people deserve victory and would have it, for they are bearing with exemplary dignity the sacrifices asked of them. "Italy's will be the victory, and a peace with justice."

Italian Hired Hands
LONDON, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—Two hundred thousand Italian workers will arrive in Germany during the next few days, announced the German radio to-night.

This news was preceded by an announcement of the arrival in Berlin of Signor Cuffaro, Chief of the Fascist Labour Confederation.

The radio gave no indication of the nature of the work which the Italian visitors will do in Germany.

MENZIES' PLEDGE

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more just day dawns for the world in which our children are to live."

Expeditionary Force

Mr. Menzies said that the Australian Expeditionary Force was already an Army Corps of four divisions. Thousands of men had already made their blows heard in Rome and desired only to deliver them at Berlin. Thousands of young Australians were entering the war with their brothers from Britain and the Dominions and were destined to see the Empire the just mistress of the air.

"Above all, inspired by the splendid example of the King and Queen, your spirit and ours is not merely defensive. It is not sufficient to avoid defeat. Between the powers of darkness and the powers of light, there can be no compromise. It is no twilight world that we are seeking."

Customs Pass Tragedy

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well-known and popular figure in Chinese circles.

Gardener's Discovery

The shocking discovery at Customs Pass was made by a gardener, who, shortly after 7 o'clock yesterday evening heard screams and shouts coming from one of the bedrooms of the house.

Upon investigation he found the bedroom windows and door locked, but with the help of another servant, broke down the door and found Mr. and Mrs. Fung lying in the room. Mrs. Fung was then dead, but her husband was still alive, though obviously in great pain.

Black-out Thieves Sent To Gaol

Mrs Justice Stabile, at Manchester Assizes recently, sentenced two young men to seven years' penal servitude each for housebreaking and stealing offences during air raids. The accused were Frank Edward Gibbons, 22, and Thomas Michael Briggs, 25, described as Army absentees, both of Liverpool.

It was stated that the men waited until the air raid sirens had sounded and people had gone to shelter, and then used a master key to break into the houses to steal whatever was lying around.

Campinchi Passes

LONDON, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—The former French Navy Minister, M. Cesare Campinchi, died to-day at Marseilles, according to the Swiss radio.

TO-DAY'S RACE TIPS

Rooty Hill Derby

(By "Captain Foster")

The most exclusive event of to-day's meeting will be the Rooty-Hill Derby reserved for Australian Subscription Grifflins of this season and the endurance test is over 1½ miles.

The great race is timed to be run off at 4 p.m.

It is reliably learned that the following will face the start,

A Surprising Time (Mr L. B. Choo).

Black Seal (Mr F. Nood).

Dutch Treat (Mr P. P. Botelho).

Endeavour (Mr C. B. Moller).

Manhattan (Mr H. J. Hearne).

National Welfare (Mr B. L. Tao).

Santa-Anita (Mr S. C. Liang).

United Express (Mr Ip Kuei-ying).

Vitamin M. (Mr D. Black).

There is still a demand for the special dollar cash sweep on the above classic and should the sale reach the million mark, the first prize is worth \$397,000.

Selections for to-day are:

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Eve of Peace/Far View

Jews Reach Japan

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TSURUGA, Feb. 24 (Domel).—

More than 550 Jewish refugees from Europe arrived here from Vladivostok aboard the Japanese liner Amakusa Maru this afternoon. They are expected to stay in Japan for some time until they can find new homes in the Far East or South America.

BIRTH

CARROLL.—At the Queen Mary Hospital, on February 24, to Denise (nee Thomas), wife of R. A. Carroll—a son. Both well.

DEATH

ROZARIO.—At the St Teresa's Hospital, on Sunday, February 23, 1941, at 10.15 a.m. Lourenco Augusto do Rozario (Encho), aged 84, late of Messrs Noronha & Co. Funeral will leave Anderson's Funeral Parlour at 2.10 p.m. passing the Monument at 2.30 p.m. on Monday, February 24, 1941.

GERMAN PRESSMEN REMOVED

The American Association of Foreign Press Correspondents has removed from its rolls two active members mentioned in the Dies Committee "White Paper" on un-American activities and has accepted the resignation as an associate member of Dr Hans Borchers, German Consul General.

These developments were disclosed recently in the Association's official bulletin.

Fred Kreutzenstein, who had listed himself as correspondent for several Brazilian papers, was expelled. Dr Herbert Gross, American correspondent for the "Nachrichten fuer Ausenhandel," official organ of the German Ministry of Economics, resigned under fire.

Both had been charged formally with "unprofessional conduct."

Third Honeymoon With Second Of Three Wives

Stan Laurel, of Laurel and Hardy, film comedians, is on his third honeymoon with the second of his three wives.

She is Ruth Virginia Laurel. In 1933 she was the second Mrs Laurel.

She divorced Laurel in 1934, remarried him in 1935, divorced him again in 1937, and remarried him last month after an elopement to Las Vegas (Nevada).

Ruth Virginia Laurel was content with five per cent of his earnings when she applied for alimony.

Laurel pays his first wife, Lois, £340 a month.

Laurel's third wife was Vera Illana, blonde Russian dancer.

"A Nightmare"

Complaining that his first two wives made "a nightmare" of her marriage, she sought separate maintenance. She asked £375 a month.

Resisting her claim, Laurel said in December, 1938, that, despite a salary of £40,000 a year, he was practically penniless.

Laurel married his third wife three times—the second time because his first wife said the marriage was not legal, and the third time "just to make sure."

Japanese Crave Entertainment

Cinema Fans Are Problem

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Feb. 23 (Domel).—With an increase of almost 10,000,000 in the attendance at the 350 motion picture theatres in Tokyo prefecture alone in 1939 as compared with the attendance in the previous year, a new problem of how to satisfy the nation's lust for recreation is confronting the authorities.

Against an attendance of 81,648,012 persons during 1939, a total of 101,768,711 paid for admission to the movies in Tokyo prefecture last year, a survey shows.

The increased population as well as the mounting drift to the cities are cited as contributory causes to this rise but official point out that the problem is not being solved as the building of new motion picture theatres is not being authorised in view of the need for construction materials for more essential structures.

The present survey was precipitated by a near riot caused before one of Tokyo's leading theatres on February 11 when a "Manchurian" actress made a personal appearance.

ENGINEERING LECTURE

Professor W. Brown of the University will deliver a lecture on Friday, March 14, at 9.15 p.m., to members of the Talkoo Club. The subject will be "James Watt."

All interested are invited to attend.

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STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued Saturday says:
The feature of the market to-day was a sharp rise in Electric, as a result of the announcement made yesterday of a new issue of shares and a declaration of dividend.

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H.K. Govt. 3½% Loan (1934) 94.25
Union Ins. \$411
H.K. Fire Ins. \$170
Provident \$5.75
Lands 4% Debentures \$97.50
Trams \$17.50

Sellers
Lights "O" \$6.10
Electric "N" \$41.50
H.K. Govt. 3½% Loan (1934) 95
Hotels \$3.00
Trams \$17.75

Sales
Trams \$17.00/17.50
Electric "O" \$42.25/43
Electric "N" \$42.15/42

An exhibition of Chinese paintings by Mr. Fong Yuen-ling and several members of the Reform Club is being held on the second floor of St Francis Hotel. The exhibition, which opened on Saturday, will be concluded at 6 o'clock this evening. Admission is free.

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IL DUCE- APOLOGIST: TELLS ITALIANS WHY COUNTRY IS LOSING

LONDON, FEB. 23 (REUTER).—THE DIFFICULTIES OF THE FIGHT IN WHICH ITALY IS ENGAGED "NOT ONLY IN THE MEDITERRANEAN BUT ABOVE ALL ON THE WIDELY SEPARATED FRONTS OF THE WAR AGAINST BRITISH WORLD POWER," WERE EXPLAINED BY MUSSOLINI TO-DAY IN A SPEECH FROM ROME ADDRESSED TO THE "ITALIAN PEOPLE AND THE WORLD."

London Is Not Very Impressed

Analysis Of Duce's Speech

LONDON, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—While official London comment on Mussolini's speech is not available, defensive character of the speech is regarded as noteworthy in authoritative quarters.

The statement that Italy has been at war since 1935 or 1922 is, it is pointed out, clearly designed to counter criticism against Il Duce and the Fascists that they had led the country needlessly into war in June, 1940.

Il Duce held out no prospect that Italy's position would improve by her own efforts but hope was pinned on German assistance and strength. Il Duce admitted that there was no hope of reinforcing Italian East Africa and acknowledged the immense industrial potential of the United States.

Losses Compared

As regards Il Duce's claim of heavy losses inflicted on the British in the first four months of Italy's war, the facts are that during that period, Italy lost 278 planes, the 87 believed destroyed, while Britain lost 35 only. Italy lost the cruiser Bartolomeo Colleoni, five destroyers and 21 submarines while Britain lost the light cruiser Calypso, and a total of ten destroyers and submarine, and a great part of both of these were actioned in the Mediterranean.

It is noted that Mussolini is now trying to justify the Greek war as an unfortunate military necessity, indicating the degree of disquiet the Greek disasters have caused in Italy and currency of the reports of division of opinion between him and the Army.

German Comment

BERLIN, Feb. 23 (UP).—German authorized quarters declared that Mussolini's speech ended all claims of German-Italian dissension. "It has shown again the firm solidarity of the Axis in this life and death struggle," they declared.

"All those who believed the British allegations regarding the Italian readiness for a separate peace will now be disappointed, and realize there is no hope for it. The speech revealed again the Axis determination that Europe and the Continent must finally be cleansed of British influence."

Colony's Trade Decreases By Million Pounds in Jan.

According to an official report released for publication by the Superintendent of Imports and Exports, the combined values of the Colony's imports and exports of merchandise as declared during the month of January, 1941, totalled \$112.9 millions (\$7.0 millions) as compared with \$131.6 millions (\$8.1 millions) in January, 1940.

In terms of local currency the total visible trade of the Colony decreased by 14.2% in January, 1941 as compared with January, 1940; and by 13.6% in terms of sterling.

Imports of merchandise in January, 1941 totalled \$60.1 millions (\$3.7 millions) as compared with \$69.7 millions (\$4.3 millions) in January, 1940, and exports \$52.8 millions (\$3.3 millions) as compared with \$61.9 millions (\$3.8 millions) in January, 1940.

Imports of merchandise in January, 1941 decreased by 13.8% in terms of local currency, and by 14.0% in terms of sterling. Exports of merchandise in January, 1941 decreased by 14.5% in terms of local currency, and by 13.2% in terms of sterling.

Monthly Fluctuations

Since January, 1940 monthly values of imports of merchandise into Hongkong fluctuated from a low H.K.\$ value of 48.0 millions in September, 1940 to a high of 70.3 millions in May, 1940; whilst export values fluctuated from a low of 37.4 millions in August, 1940 to a high of 62.4 millions in July, 1940.

Il Duce expressed his complete conviction that the struggle would come to a "victorious conclusion," declaring that it was the will of Fascist Italy.

Mussolini, who was speaking at a meeting of the Dascio di Combattimenti del Urbe, declared that he had come to break the silence which was "dear to him, especially in time of war." Italy, he said, had been at war not eight months but six years, namely since January 3, 1935.

Alluding to General Franco's appeal at the time of the Spanish Civil War, Il Duce said: "We could not turn a deaf ear. It was our duty to go to his help."

He proceeded, "Really we have been at war since October 28, 1922, when we rose against the plutocratic, masonic and capitalistic world. In September, 1939, we were on the eve of war. We could not wait to be entirely ready, for history seized by the throat."

"Italy immobilised immense enemy forces and so assisted the Germans to win their brilliant victories."

"After France, there remained enemy No. 1 against whom we shall fight to the last drop of our blood. Italy has always had to engage in distant and difficult wars."

Referring to Libya as "a most important strategic point," Mussolini stated that between October 1, 1937, and January 31, 1941, more than 14,000 officers and 350,000 men, comprising two armies, the Fifth and the Tenth, were sent to Libya, and also 1,000 guns of all calibres and the most recent type, more than 15,300 machine guns, 11,000,000 rounds of ammunition for automatic weapons, 24,000 tons of clothing and 750 armoured cars.

"These figures show that careful preparations were made. The soldiers who are fighting in the Empire will find out how of reinforcements are those who are farthest away—but nearest to our hearts."

Italy Forestalled!

The battle which started on December 9 and brought the enemy to Benghazi "forestalled us by a few days."

Mussolini added: "We do not lie like the hypocritical British. We resisted strongly, sometimes furiously. We shall always tell the truth. We will repudiate every falsehood. The events of the past months have only sharpened our hatred."

Referring to Greece as "the last British rampart in the Balkans," Mussolini said that Greece would not renounce the British guarantee. It was necessary to face up to her and on this point there was absolute agreement in all responsible military quarters.

Mussolini described the Italian soldiers in Albania as "superb, writing the pages of legendary glory," and declared that Greek losses were very high. He said that spring would come soon and with it the Italians' turn.

Italo-Nazi Co-operation

He declared that British losses were also heavy and ridiculed the statement that the British lost only 2,000 men. He added: "Since Tannito, the course of the war has been unfavourable to us but our

BIG GREEK SUCCESS

Take Hundreds
Of Prisoners

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
ATHENS, Feb. 23 (UP).—The Government spokesman revealed that the Greeks had made seven successful attacks last week, occupying strong enemy positions and taking 1,272 prisoners including 30 officers. They repulsed 16 counter-attacks and shot down six Italian planes.

He asserted that during the past 24 hours there was "minor successful patrolling" in which two Italian tanks were destroyed by artillery.

Sharply Attacking

(BY "REUTER" ON THE ALBANIAN FRONTIER)

Feb. 23.—The Greeks are attacking sharply to-day in the Skumbi—and—Devoli—River valleys, south-east of El Bassan.

On the extreme right, activity was confined to artillery duels.

An activity was more marked, especially by Italian planes which attacked Greek positions and communications.

At mid-day, four Savoia Marchetti bombers the neighbourhood of the Florina frontier area in Greek Macedonia far behind the battlefield.

Success for Combined British & Ethiopian Patriotic Troops

CAIRO, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—A combined force of British and Abyssinian patriot troops has occupied Shogali on the Blue Nile in Abyssinia.

Announcing this, a British communique says that an enemy counter-attack was repulsed, leaving over 150 dead on the field of battle, while the British and Abyssinian patriot losses were slight.

France May Regain Territory

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

VICHY, Feb. 23 (UP).—It is reliably reported that France may regain the Riviera and Alpine territories which Italy has occupied since the armistice, by allowing 80,000 Italians in North Africa, to flee into French Tunisia.

Springboks Get Nazi

CAIRO, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—Flares were started against the British column moving down the Red Sea coast from the north. Reinforced by Free French forces from French Equatorial Africa, this column is making satisfactory headway while the British forces around Keren continue preparations for reduction of the Italian positions covering the town.

Compulsory Service Tribunal

It is hereby notified for general information that a public session of the Compulsory Service Tribunal will be held on Friday, February 28, at 9 a.m. in the Council Chamber, Colonial Secretariat.

Invasion Ports Bombed

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

AT A SOUTHEAST COAST TOWN, Feb. 23 (UP).—The R.A.F. began an attack on the French coast from Boulogne to Calais beginning about 8 p.m. and were still bombing at 11 p.m.

Through the sea haze, big flashes could be seen high in the sky from the English side, indicating that very large bombs are being used.

The planes attacked the Boulogne district first and then extended up the coast towards Calais where shortly before 2 p.m. three exceptional vivid flashes were seen—possibly munitions dumps were hit.

LONDON, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—The Admiralty announces that the trawler Ormonde has been sunk.

Big Sweep Sales Total 1,000,000

The Rooty-Hill \$1 Sweepstake sales reached precisely the 1,000,000 mark before the sweepstake closed at noon to-day.

It is announced that unless there is a dead heat, the prizes will be as follows:

1st \$397,600
2nd \$113,000
3rd \$56,800

Unplaced ponies and non-starters \$2,253.97 each.

The total prize monies for distribution amounts to \$710,000. Commission totals \$190,000 which will be divided between China War Relief and British war funds, while tax amounts to \$100,000.

Ex-King Alfonso Reported Not Dead

Latest Rome Message

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
It is believed that the ex-King Alfonso of Spain is still alive. According to a "United Press" message from Rome, received in Hongkong this morning, the ex-king was alive at 8.30 last night.

This was revealed in an official bulletin which declared that Alfonso's condition "continued to be grave."

Earlier, it was intimated that members of the Spanish royal family had revealed that Alfonso listened to the radio version of Mussolini's speech.

A Buenos Aires message says that the Spanish Embassy lowered their flag to halfmast when a member of the Consulate staff reported that Alfonso was dead, but a re-check brought a reply from both the Embassy and Consulate staffs that nothing was known about the ex-king's death, although it was expected.

They also declined to explain why the flag was put at halfmast.

Rushes To Bedside
VICHY, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—The Duke of Alba, Spanish Ambassador, turned to Back Page, Column 5

Turkey Stands By Foreign Policy

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
ISTANBUL, Feb. 23 (UP).—The Foreign Minister, M. Sarajoglu, in a statement published in the semi-official Ankara newspaper "Yildiz," said that the Turkish-Bulgarian declaration in no way altered Turkey's foreign policy and that Turkey will honour all her obligations and defend herself if attacked.

To-day's Races

Thousands At Valley To Watch Big Event

There were typical Derby Day scenes at the Happy Valley race-course this afternoon, when tens of thousands gathered inside the Valley to watch the Rooty-Hill Derby on which was the 1,000,000 ticket sweepstake, carrying a first prize of \$397,600.

By 2 o'clock the Valley was swarming with people, "like an ant hill" said the "Telegraph's" correspondent on the course. However, the crowd in the enclosures was not exceptionally big.

There was great excitement when it was known shortly after the ticket selling in the big sweepstake had closed, that the 1,000,000 mark had been reached. The excitement was increased when the draw for the sweep began at 1.30 p.m.

The result of the draw and of the race will be found on Column Seven.

Big Dividend

Highlight of the morning events was the \$171.20 dividend paid out on Ciro's Race which won the Victoria Stakes in the fourth race. Mr. F. Noddy was the jockey.

The course during the day was soft, but not heavy. Overhead conditions were good, with the sun occasionally breaking through the clouds.

1.—ALBUHY STAKES.—For Australian Subscription ponies of 1941. Winners limited. Jockey allowance. One and a quarter miles.

620 DYNASTY'S King's Flight 152 lb. (V. V. Needa) 1
557 LEE BROS' Lex Fort 155 lb. (M. M. Sokoloff) 2
551 C. H. CHAN'S Bugle 149 lb. (C. B. Moller) 3

10 starters.
Won by four lengths; length and half. Time—2.12.
Parti-mutuel: Winner \$14.60. Places \$6.20; \$3.70; \$3.00.

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Cash Sweep Results

The following are the results in to-day's cash sweeps at the Happy Valley.

RACE 1		1—\$1,880.00
No. 4253	1013	\$37.40
" 3606		\$64.20
RACE 2		2—\$2,254.70
No. 1307	3372	\$44.20
" 61		\$32.10
RACE 3		3—\$2,337.90
No. 4300	22	\$75.40
" 3220		\$379.70
RACE 4		4—\$2,792.50
No. 2018	404	\$70.80
No. 404	5540	\$309.50
RACE 5		5—\$2,725.80
No. 207	58	\$75.50
No. 58	6121	\$309.40
RACE 6		6—\$3,754.00
No. 2771	7110	\$1,072.50
" 3007		\$338.40
RACE 7		7—\$4,137.70
No. 4471	5740	\$1,122.20
" 3720		\$501.10

British Subs. Sink 8 Italian Transports

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, Feb. 23 (UP).—An Admiralty communique announces that six British submarines recently sank eight Italian supply ships in the Mediterranean, while a ninth was hit by shells.

The Triton which was later sunk, sank two, the Truant, one, the Upholder, two, including two 8,000 ton vessels, and the Rover, Regent and Ulmost, one each.

LATEST

8.—ROOTY-HILL DERBY & SPORTS CLUB CUP.—A Cup presented by members of the Sports Club. For Australian subscription ponies of 1941. Ponies to be ridden by jockeys who have won at least 10 official flat races anywhere or jockeys approved by the Stewards. One and a half miles.

145 NECAN'S United Express 152 lb. (H. K. Yung) 1
139 MRS CHUONG'S Endeavour 153 lb. (C. B. Moller) 2
140 S. W. LEE'S Jus Anydium 150 lb. (H. M. Sokoloff) 3

11 starters.
Won by length and half; half a length. Time—2.12.
Parti-mutuel: Winner \$13.20. Places \$6.00; \$7.20; \$29.50.

Big Prize Winners

No. 538127 wins \$397,600.
No. 700719 wins \$113,000.
No. 052819 wins \$56,800.

All other numbers win \$2,253.97 each.

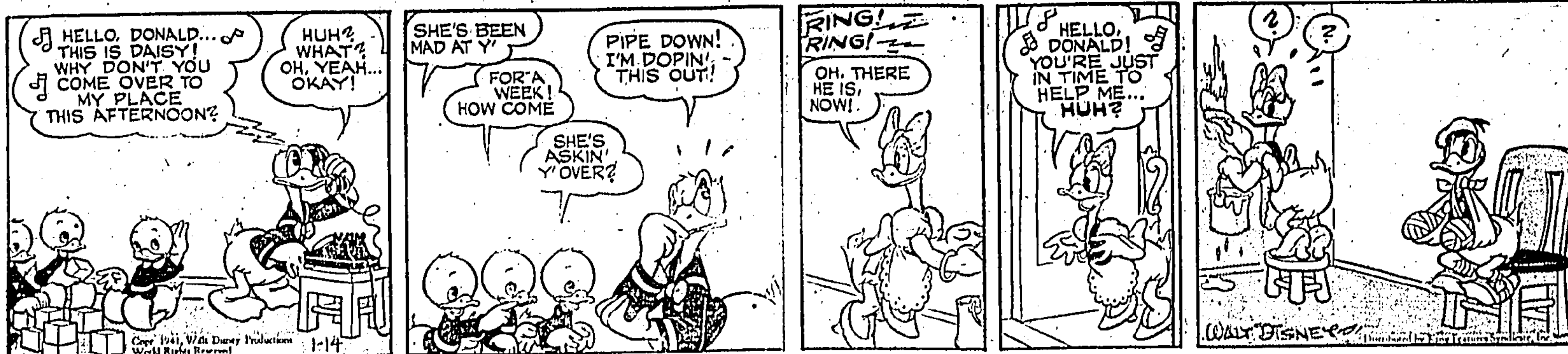
BIG SWEEP DRAW

Draw for the monster \$1 sweepstake on the Rooty-Hill Derby took place early this afternoon and resulted as follows:

PONIES		TICKET NUMBERS
A Fine Time	570488	
Amulet Star	567424	
Angel of Glory	18874	
Anzac Day	939753	
Araxy II	241859	
Archibald	276966	
A Surprising Time	926716	
Baggart Master	202009	
Battle	193126	
Bendmeier	270572	
Bendigo	504430	
Black Seal	100367	
Bona Vacantia	937201	
Buckfastleigh	905825	
Casino	640434	
Castle Hill	511159	
Corriedoo	825255	
Corsair	123731	
Corvette	444247	
Daylight	305093	
Deuble Dutch	805825	
Dutch Treat	457631	
Endeavour	700719	
Hawallan-Love	953540	
Hole In One	91082	
Joan	724017	
Jungle Love	949076	
Jus Gentium	952819	
King's Flight	543051	
Leading Star	710544	
Lex Fort	57088	
Lodestar	70003	
Looksee	440407	
Maey	127929	
Mainsail	359084	
Manhattan	786034	
Manlight	201672	
Moanlight	897280	
Never-Never	700719	
Newborn Star	692838	
Newmarket Day	780454	
Ogle	109047	
Optima Fide	358418	
Red Rabbit	011399	
Riverbridge	877014	
Royal Sovereign	830554	
Santa-Anita	90248	
Saratoga	512954	
Seal River	569772	
Snow White	802853	
Starlight View	30428	
Strathalbyn	145352	
Sunspot	304577	
Swallow	917739	
Sydney Diamond	240125	
Sydney Lady	701263	
The Hawk	728266	
Tobaccoosh	647224	
Trade Wind	727206	
Twinkling Star	184129	
United Express	538127	
Vitamin M	521574	
Willow	650104	
Zadderdar	554025	

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Further Late News

DONALD DUCK



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AID TO ALLIES—Former Senator Ernest W. Gibson of Vermont, who replaced William Allen White, editor of the Emporia, Kas., Gazette, as chairman of the Committee to Defend America by Aiding the Allies. Mr. White resigned after his statement were criticised by the Committee.



THE DEAD END KIDS

ON DRESS PARADE

JOHN LEELE FRANKIE THOMAS CESSIE LOUIS DOROTHY WILLIAM CEMISS

TO-MORROW at the KING'S

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

NOTICE

It is hereby notified that the following increases in the Company's standard charges will be made for current consumed in respect of accounts issued for meters read on and after 21st March, 1941:—

- For Lighting from 15 cents to 16 cents per unit.
- For Power and Heating from 5 cents to 5½ cents per unit.
- The discount of 10% on Power accounts in excess of 1,000 units per month will be discontinued.

By order of the Board of Directors,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.
Agents.

THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LIMITED

NOTICE is hereby given that the TWENTY SECOND ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of this Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company No. 10, Des Voeux Road Central, on Saturday, the 8th March, 1941, at 2.00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1940.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
KAN TONG POI,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 20th February, 1941.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Fifty-second Ordinary Yearly Meeting will be held at the Company's Registered Office, 4th Floor, P. & O. Building, on Thursday, 20th March, 1941, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1940 and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 8th March to 20th March, 1941, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By order of the Board of Directors

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.
Agents.
Hong Kong, 21st February, 1941.

NOTICE

DEFENCE REGULATIONS 1940

The following rates will be charged for mailing single copies of the following newspapers abroad:—

South China Morning Post
China and Macao
16 cents per copy

British Empire and Foreign
25 cents per copy

The Hongkong Telegraph
China and Macao
14 cents per copy
16 cents Saturdays

British and Foreign
20 cents per copy
25 cents Saturdays.



BANK HOLIDAY

The Exchange Banks will open at 9.30 a.m. and will close at 12 noon for the transaction of exchange business on Tuesday, the 25th February, 1941. (Race Meeting).
Hongkong, 22nd February, 1941.

THE "STAR" FERRY CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FORTY-THIRD ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF THIS COMPANY will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Friday, the 28th February, 1941, at 11.00 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1940.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Wednesday, the 19th February, 1941, to Friday, the 28th February, 1941, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,
C. M. MANNERS,
Secretary and Manager.
Hongkong, 12th February, 1941.

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Cebu Hongkong
Colon Hongkong
Hankow Hongkong
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London Hongkong
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R. A. CAMIDGE,
Manager.

Hoare Still In Turkey

On Way To Egypt

ISTANBUL, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—Sir Reginald Hoare, former British Ambassador in Bucharest, is leaving here tonight for Ankara. Sir Reginald, who is on his way to Egypt, is expected to remain one day in the Turkish capital as the guest of the British Ambassador, Sir Hugh Knatchbull-Hugessen.

Japanese Youth Attempts Record

KOBE, Feb. 23 (Domei).—Seeking for a new Japanese record for a sustained glider flight, Seichi Yoshikawa, 24, took off at 2.07 p.m. on Saturday for Akenogahara airfield, in Mie prefecture, from atop Mount Rokko. The airline distance between the two points is about 80 miles. Yoshikawa and his assistants have been waiting at the top of Mount Rokko since February 1 awaiting favourable wind and weather conditions.

Exchange At A Glance

SELLING

T.T. London	1/2 1/2
T.T. Shanghai	1/2 1/2
T.T. Singapore	52 3/4
T.T. Japan	102 1/2
T.T. India	82 1/2
T.T. U.S.A.	24
T.T. Manila	48
T.T. Batavia	45
T.T. Bangkok	140 1/2
T.T. Saigon	104
T.T. Switzerland	102
T.T. Australia	1/6 1/4

BUYING

4 m/s L/C London	1/3 1/4
4 m/s D/L London	1/3 1/4
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	24 1/2
4 m/s France	Nom.
30 d/s India	84 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.02 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	4.03 1/4

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS

H.K. Banks \$ e.d.	1,400 n.
H.K. Banks £ x. d.	73 n.
H.K. Banks (H.K.) £ x. d.	76 n.
Chartered £ e.d.	73 n.
Mercantile, A. & B. £ e.d.	73 n.
Mercantile, C. £ e.d.	73 n.
East Asia £ e.d.	76 n.

INSURANCES

Canons \$	215 b.
Union \$	411 b.
China Underwriters \$	1 n.
H.K. Fire \$	170 b.

SHIPPING

Douglas \$	135 n.
Steamship \$	0 n.
Indo-China P. \$	100 n.
Indo-China D. \$	100 n.
Indo-China S. \$	60 n.
Shell (Bearers) s/-	40 7/8 n.
Waterboats \$	7 n.

DOCKS ETC.

Wharves \$	08 n.
Docks (old) \$	17.80 n.
Docks (new) \$	17 n.
Providents \$	54 b.
S'nal Dockyard \$	28 n.

MINING

Kallias s/-	18 n.
Raubas s/-	8 n.
H.K. Mines	14 cts. n.

LANDS

Hotel \$	3.60 s.
Lands \$	33 1/2 s.
Lands 4% Debentures	97 1/2 b.
Shai Lands Sh. \$	11.00 s.
H.K. Realities \$ x. d.	3.40 s.
Chinese Estates \$ x. d.	08 n.

UTILITIES

Trams	17 1/2 s.
Peaks Trams (old) \$	7 1/2 n.
Peaks Trams (new) \$	3 1/2 n.
Star Ferries \$	57 n.
Y. Ferries \$	24 1/2 s.
China Lights (old) \$	10 1/2 s.
China Lights (new) \$	42 1/2 s.
H.K. Electric (old) \$	42 1/2 s.
H.K. Electric (new) \$	42 1/2 s.
Macao Electric (old) \$	17 1/2 s.
Macao Electric (new) \$	16 1/2 s.
China Lights (new) \$	12 n.
Telephones (old) \$	24 1/2 n.
Telephones (new) \$	10.20 n.

INDUSTRIALS

Cald. Macg. (Ord.) \$	30 n.
Cald. Macg. (Pref.) \$	25 n.
Canton Ice \$	7.00 s.
Cements \$	17 1/2 s.
H.K. Ropes \$	8 1/2 n.

STORES, &c.

Dairy Farms \$	10.20 n.
Watsons \$	10.05 n.
Lane Crawfords \$	7 1/2 n.
Sinceres \$	2.15 n.
Wing On (H.K.) \$	30 n.
Powell Ltd. \$	1.00 n.

COTTON MILLS

Ewo Sh. \$	43 1/2 s.
Shai Cotton Sh. \$	200 n.

MISC.

H.K. Govt 4%	97 n.
H.K. Govt 3 1/2% (1934)	93 s.
H.K. Govt 3 1/2% (1940)	94 n.
Ch Govt 5% 1928 G.S.Ds.	42 1/2 n.
H.K. Entertainments \$	7 n.
Constructions (old) \$	1.00 n.
Constructions (new) \$	1 n.
Vibro Pilling \$	7.70 n.
Marmans Inv. (Lon.) s/-	2/0 n.
Marmans Inv. (H.K.) s/-	2/0 n.

Soviet Denies Influence

MOSCOW, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—The "Tass" agency is authorised to deny that Russia had anything to do with the signing of the Turco-Bulgarian Pact as reported by a Swiss newspaper.

RADIO

ZBW, 355 metres (845 k.c.) and 3145 metres (9,520 kilo-cycles)

"Hi, Gang!" and Other London Relays

Radio Programme Broadcast by ZBW on a Frequency of 845 k.c.s. and on Short Wave from 1-2.15 p.m. and 8-11 p.m. on 9.52 m.c.s. per second.
H.K.T.
12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.
12.30 Selections from Verdi's Opera.
1.0 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 Dance Music by Ambrose and His Orchestra.
1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.45 Rite Da Costa at the Piano.
1.55 Hawaiian Vocal Selections.
2.15 Close down.
5.45 Indian Programme.
6.30 Closing local Stock Quotations.
6.32 Musical Comedy Selections.
Swing Along—Selection...Derby Somers Band with Vocal Chorus; Comedyland...Columbia Light Opera Company with Orchestra; Conversation Piece—Selection; My Weakness—Selection...Patricia Rossborough (Piano); It's Love Again—Selection; Queen of Hearts—Selection...Sydney Kite and His Piccadilly Hotel Band with Vocal Chorus.

7.0 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—A Talk.
7.30 Grig—Peer Gynt Suite, No. 2, Op. 55.
Ingrid's Lament—Arabian Dance—The Return of Peer Gynt—Solveig's Song...New Light Symphony Orchestra cond. by Eugene Goossens.
7.45 Studio—An appeal for Volunteers for the Police Reserve by the Hon. Mr. G. G. Perdue, Acting Commissioner of Police.
7.50 Grig—Elegiac Melodies, Op. 34.
London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Eugene Goossens.
8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 This week's programmes.
8.07 Tangles.
Do You Like Dancing? (Rosen); Night of Love Divine (Dostal)...Dajos Bela Dance Orchestra.
8.45 London Relay—"Hi Gang!"
9.0 London Relay—The News.
9.15 London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

9.30 Variety.

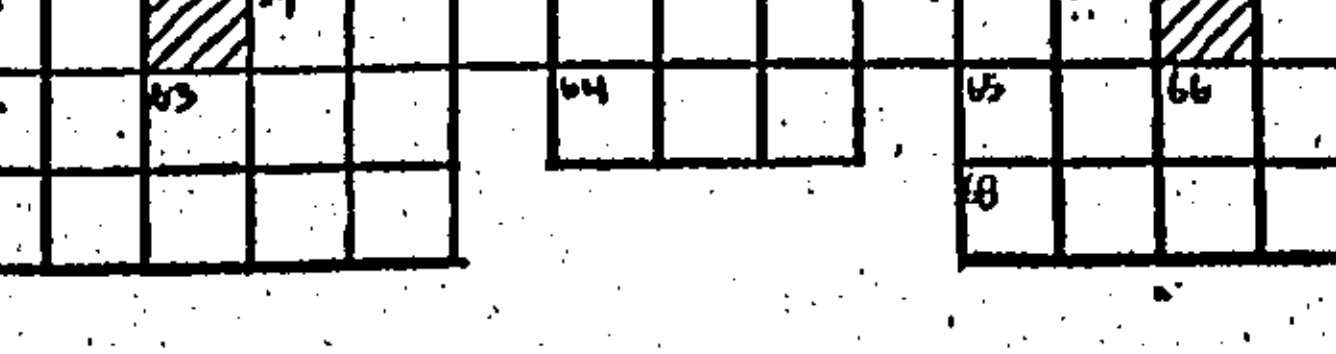
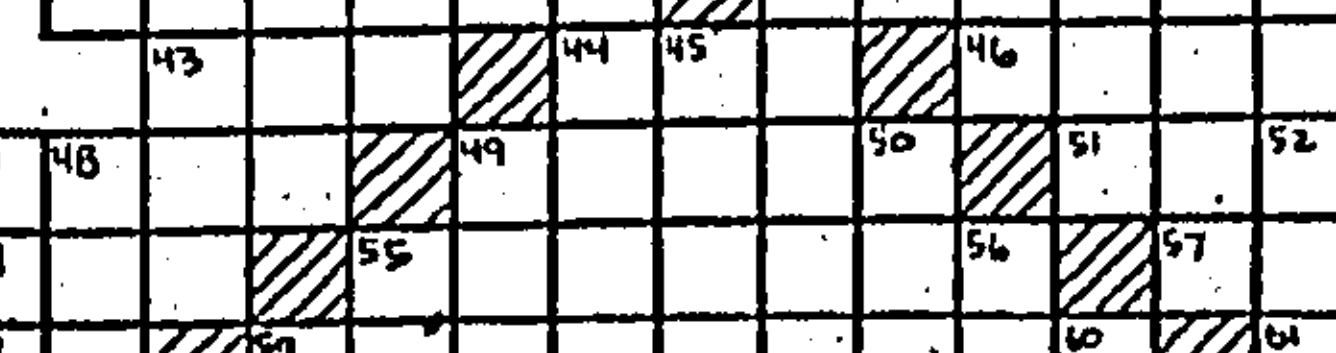
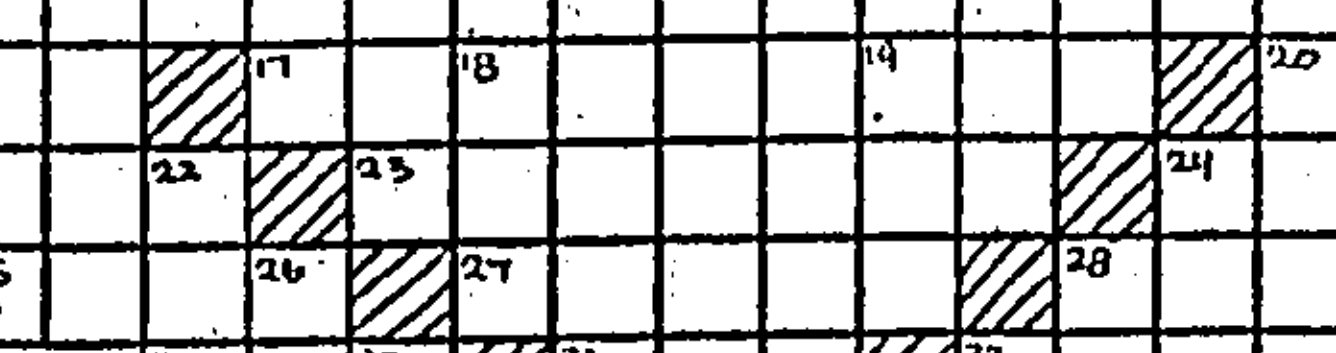
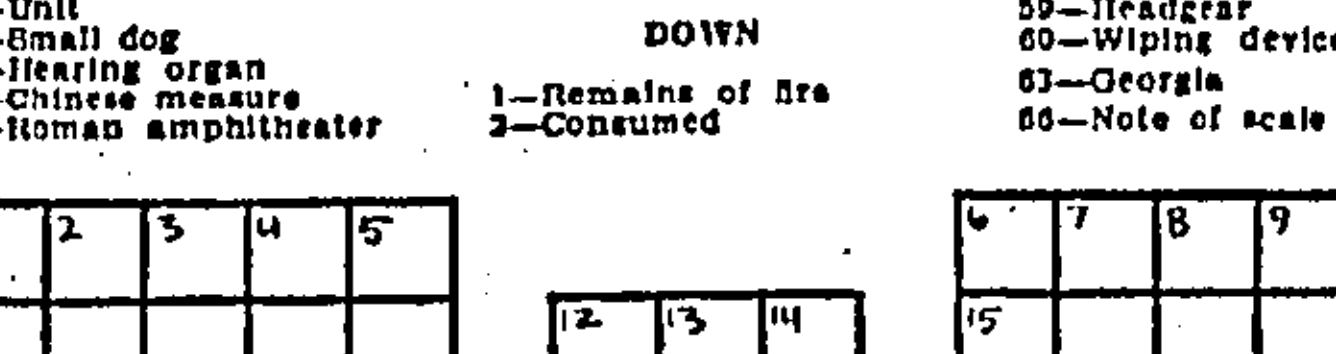
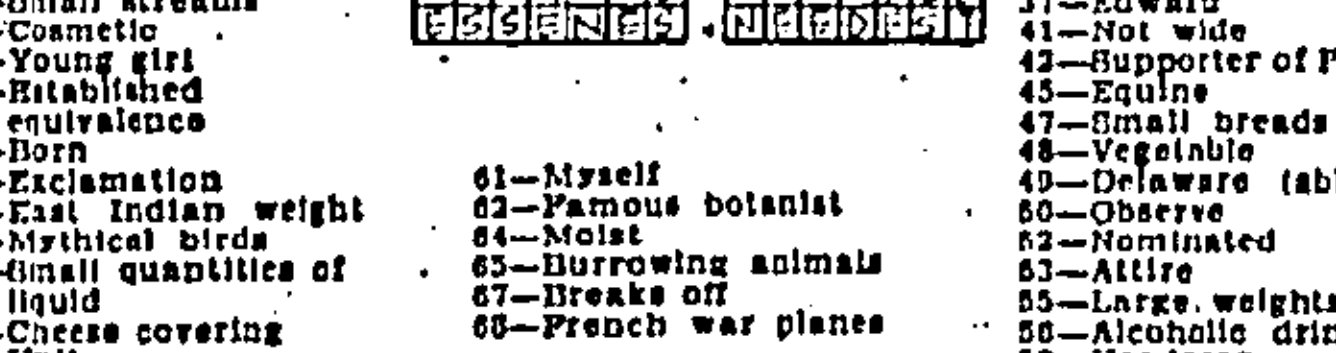
Two Pianists—Tin Pan Alley Medley; Intro: And the angels sing; What goes up must come down; What shall I say; Don't worry 'bout me; Our love; You grow sweeter as the years go by; Ivor Moreton and Dave Kaye with string bass and drums; Comedian—Juliette; The Love Bug; Will Bile You...Max Miller with Orch.; Ballroom Waltz Memories; Part 1: Intro: Invitation to the Waltz; Destiny; Merry Widow; Three o'clock in the Morning...Debroy Somers Band; Comedians—Keeping Up the Old Tradition...The Western Brothers; Ballroom Waltz Memories Part 2: Intro: The Skaters; The Chorus; The Cuckoo; After the Ball; Debroy Somers Band; Vocal—Cryin' My Heart Out For You (Johnson and Hopkins)...Kitty Masters with Orchestra.
9.45 News in French (on 9.52 m.c.s. only).
10.0 London Relay—News from Home by Howard Marshall.
10.15 Dance Music.
11.0 Close down.

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS
1—Broad beetle
6—Rendel corrupt
11—Extra
12—Bottom (French)
13—Lure
14—That man
15—Late spider
16—Rice (French)
17—Terminator
18—Harden again
19—Humans
20—Chief actor
21—Ours readily
22—Wings visible
23—Old time (poet)
24—Hearts home
25—United
26—English farmer
27—Small actress
28—Comet
29—Fishing girl
30—Re-established
31—Born
32—Exclamation
33—Indian weight
34—Mythical birds
35—Small quantities of liquid
36—Chess covering
37—Unit
38—Fishing organ
39—Chinese measure
40—Roman amphitheatre

DOWN
1—Remains of fire
2—Consumed
3—Call (Scottish)
4—Western rhymer
5—Bull
6—Baked clay
7—Fields of snow
8—That thing
9—Elephant's nose
10—Badger
11—Hiccup
12—Strong
13—Extinct wild cat
14—Triffid
15—Zoo
16—Gathers strength
17—More mildly
18—English athlete
19—Entrances
20—Weapon
21—Compass point
22—Edward
23—Not wide
24—Quarter of Pope
25—Equine
26—Nominations
27—Large weights
28—Alcoholic drinks
29—Widow's device
30—Georgia
31—Note of scale



POST OFFICE

The Money Order Office Public Counter will be open from 10.00 a.m. to noon on Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th, February 1941.

The General Post Office will be closed at 8 p.m. on Wednesday 26th, Thursday 27th and Friday 28th, February 1941.

The Printed-Matter Service to the following places in China is temporarily suspended:—Yunnan, Szechuen, Kweichow, Hunan, Fukien (except Amoy and Kulangsai), Kwangsi (except Wuchow and Yungshien), North and East of Kwangtung.

The public are reminded that it is a breach of postal regulations to enclose in a postal cover communications intended for persons other than the addressee.

Mail Service to Madagascar and Reunion is temporarily suspended.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

INWARD MAILS

Canton Feb. 24.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan, and Shanghai—(San Francisco date, 24th February) Feb. 25.
Canton Feb. 28.
United-Kingdom and Straits Feb. 28.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 22nd February Mar. 1.
Calcutta and Straits Mar. 1.
United-Kingdom and Straits Mar. 2.

OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

Registered and Parcel Mail are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day. Where mails are advertised to close after 5 p.m., Registered and Parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 24
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, Central and South America via San Francisco.
G.P.O. and K.P.O.
Reg. Feb. 24, 5 p.m.
Ord. Feb. 25, 8.30 a.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 25
Sandakan 9.30 a.m.
Air Mail by sea to Singapore to connect with the "British Overseas Airways".
K.P.O. and G.P.O.
Reg. Feb. 25, 11 a.m.
Ord. Feb. 25, 11.30 a.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 26
Straits and Rangoon 8.30 a.m.
Haiphong 10.30 a.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island.
G.P.O. and K.P.O.
Reg. Feb. 26, 1.45 p.m.
Ord. Feb. 26, 2.30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 28
Sandakan 8.30 a.m.
Air Mail by Air to Rangoon to connect with the "British Overseas Airways".
K.P.O.
Reg. Feb. 28, 4 p.m.
Ord. Feb. 28, 4.30 p.m.

G.P.O.
Reg. Feb. 28, 4 p.m.
Ord. Feb. 28, 4.30 p.m.

Straits and Rangoon only for United-Kingdom
G.P.O. and K.P.O.
Reg. Feb. 28, 5 p.m.
Ord. Feb. 28, 5 p.m.

Saturday, Mar. 1
Air Mail by sea to Singapore to connect with the "British Overseas Airways".
K.P.O.
Reg. Mar. 1, 2 p.m.
Ord. Mar. 1, 2.30 p.m.

G.P.O.
Reg. Mar. 1, 2 p.m.
Ord. Mar. 1, 2.30 p.m.

Sunday, Mar. 2
Manila, Macassar and Sourabaya 8.30 a.m.

Monday, Mar. 3
Straits and Calcutta.
Reg. Mar. 3, 11 a.m.
Ord. Mar. 3, Noon.

Tuesday, Mar. 4
Air Mail by sea to Singapore to connect with the "British Overseas Airways".
K.P.O.
Reg. Mar. 4, 10.30 a.m.
Ord. Mar. 4, 11 a.m.

G.P.O.
Reg. Mar. 4, 10.30 a.m.
Ord. Mar. 4, 11 a.m.

Superscribed Correspondence Only.

Hongkong News of the Week

A Page For The Evacuees

Monday

February 17

Farewell to Colleagues. Mr. R. H. E. Marks, Assistant Superintendent of Police, and Inspector S. Shephard, who are due to leave for Australia on retirement shortly, were given a farewell party at the Police Recreation Club to-night.

Inspector Post, Chairman of the Club, called on the Police Commissioner, Hon. Mr. C. G. Perdue, to present mementoes to the guests.

The evening was marked by a most successful concert, the artists being mainly members of the Force. Among those who contributed items were Mr. Marks, Mr. A. Spary, Cpl. Edmonds, Sgt. Reynolds, Sgt. Billingham, Sgt. Jenner, Sgt. Rennie, P. O. Edge, Sgt. Hayward, Sgt. Renfold, Mr. Edgar, and the Great Marvino, I.M.M. who, assisted by Sgt. Rennie, entertained the gathering with an exhibition of legendariness of his customary high standard.

Master of Ceremonies for the night was Sgt. Billingham.

Big Increase in Dysentery. The heavy increase in the number of cases of dysentery reported in the Colony last week is attributed by the authorities to bad food plus improper cooking due to the prohibitive cost of firewood it is understood.

According to the returns of the Medical Department, the number of cases of dysentery on Thursday was 23, compared with only two the previous day, and the figure for Friday was 12.

It was stated to-day that at present the price of firewood is about the same as that of rice before the war. At that time one dollar would buy 20 catties of rice, while in the Colony at present one dollar buys only 22 catties of firewood.

Habman Report. Chinese reports say that Japanese naval bases in Hainan Island have just been completed after twenty months of work. They are Yulin in the south, Chinglan in the east, and Hsin-nong in the west. These include aerodromes, hangars, workshops and oil installations. Some of the barracks have been modernised.

Mr. Anderson, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Anderson, of Kowloon, was educated at the Diocesan Boys' School and graduated from Hongkong University. In 1932 he went to London and read for the Bar at Gray's Inn. He was admitted, as a barrister in the Supreme Court of Hongkong, on December 1, 1936.

Mr. Anderson is also an officer in the H.K.V.D.C.

Appearing for the defence in a ship-lifting case on Saturday, Mr. Percy Chen took the opportunity to express, on behalf of himself and his colleagues, regret at the departure of Mr. Himsforth.

Replying, his Worship said that he regretted having to leave the Court but circumstances did not allow him to remain. He expressed thanks to barristers and solicitors for their kind help in the past and for their good wishes.

Mother Mary Motta.—The death occurred at 3 a.m. to-day of Mother Mary Motta, at the age of 38. She passed away at St. Francis Hospital, Wanchai, after a long illness.

Mother Motta was a member of the Staff of St. Mary's School, and had been in the Colony for ten years. She was held in the greatest affection by all who knew her.

Successful A.R.P. Test.—Testing of the duct ventilation system in the A.R.P. tunnels opposite the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Building this morning was very satisfactory, but the tests could not be completed owing to a misunderstanding with the coolies.

The system of ventilation worked very well indeed, said Mr. B. H. Puckle, Deputy Director of A.R.P., "and very good results were recorded; but the objects of the tests were to compare two different methods of ventilation. We cannot say which is the best until we have carried out the second test. A certain number of Europeans were in the worst part of the tunnel, and appeared none the worse after the test."

About 1,500 coolies were used in the test, which lasted about two and a half hours. The exhaust system of ventilation will be tested to-morrow.

Farewell Presentation.—Colleagues and friends of Inspector Sidney Shephard, Divisional Inspector, South, presented him with a silver model of a junk and a gold Rolex watch at the Water Police Station, as a memento on the occasion of his retirement from the Hongkong Police Force after 20 years' service.

The presentation was made by Sub-Inspector Oliver, the new officer in charge, Water, Police, and Inspector Shephard expressed a few words of appreciation and thanks.

A native of Acton, Inspector Shephard saw service with the Coldstream Guards in the last war. He was demobilised in 1920, and in October of that year joined the Hongkong Police.

Lawn Bowls.—Playing on Kowloon Cricket Club's green to-day, the home team were beaten in a friendly return game of lawn bowls by a team from Lane Crawford, 54-47. Scores were:

S. Carr, G. Tanner, A. B. Hanson, and E. C. Fincher (L.C.) beat H. Brokenshire, S. A. Gray, R. B. Wellwood and J. Fraser 19-15.

H. Burton, T. H. Edgar, H. W. Randall and A. W. Brown (L.C.) lost to A. E. P. Gurst, R. G. Burch, A. Steven and V. C. Labrum 16-20.

Seven-A-Side Rugby.—On account of the rain the Blarney Stone seven-a-side rugby tournament scheduled for to-day was postponed.

to accommodate German technical experts and military advisers.

All the bases are improvised constructions, as military experts here pointed out that no big naval base can be constructed in two years. This view takes into consideration Japanese shortage of war materials, steel and iron and the distance between Japan and Hainan. The docks there are large enough to accommodate destroyers and light cruisers and are fit for minor repairs and overhauling.

While Chinese reports state that the Japanese strength on the island has been increased to 100,000, this is believed to be an exaggeration. The latest report states that there were one division and one brigade there, aggregating about 30,000 officers and men at most. These soldiers are being taught to become paratroopers, instructed by the German experts.

Golf. The finals of the Stubbs Shield and G. M. Young Cup were played recently and resulted as follows:

Stubbs Shield.—P.W.D. (D. S. Edwards and C. W. E. Bishop 12) beat 5th A.A. (R. A. C. Pearce 3 and J. D. Clague 8) by one hole.

G. M. Young Cup.—Hongkong and Shanghai Bank beat Butterfield and Swire.

In the second competition for the S. C. M. Post Donkey Fund, Major K. S. Simpson (20) and Capt. A. C. F. Drew Wilkinson (15) tied with scores of 5. They will play off. There were 243 entries.

Badminton. University A defeated Recreio 9-0, in the A division of the badminton league to-night.

T. K. Hui and H. F. Chia beat M. A. Oliveira and A. M. Rodrigues 21-12; beat J. J. Remedios and H. F. Goncalves 21-7; beat L. A. Carvalho and A. M. Silva 23-22.

K. W. Choy and C. K. Lee beat Oliveira and Rodrigues 21-3; beat Remedios and Goncalves 21-12; beat Carvalho and Silva 21-1.

M. S. Lim and S. F. Yung beat Oliveira and Rodrigues 21-10; beat Remedios and Goncalves 21-10; beat Carvalho and Silva 21-10.

Golf Results. The following were the third round results in the Royal Hongkong Golf Club Captain's Cup, 1940, competition:

T. Megarry (6) beat W. S. Hillier (1) six and four; T. Low (12) beat J. Lihaker (15) five and four; F. A. Howard (17) beat A. B. Purves (10) five and four; G. M. Park (7) beat H. Overy (18) seven and six.

In the semi-final round of the Junior Championship, S. L. Lloyd beat N. D. Lloyd one up, while A. J. Dennis beat E. G. Price four and three.

Mrs. Hedley Dies. The death occurred to-day of Mrs. Mary Hedley, at her residence 24 Arden Road, Kowloon, at the age of 53 years. She had a large circle of friends, with whom she was a popular figure.

Mrs. Hedley is survived by her husband, Mr. W. P. Hedley, who recently retired from the Kowloon Dock after 32 years' service, and a son, Mr. G. P. Hedley, well-known football player, who is now in Shanghai.

The funeral will take place to-day at the Roman Catholic Cemetery, passing the Mortuary at 5 p.m.

Wedding. Mr. Harold Julius Alexander Rohrbach, who is well-known throughout the Far East as representative of Horlicks Ltd., was married at the Registry to-day by Special Licence to Mrs. Jean Ross Finch (widow) of Shanghai.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. Harold Julius Rohrbach, merchant, and the bride is the daughter of the late Mr. Robert Edwin Hemmings.

Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, Registrar, officiated, and Messrs R. M. Blake and A. S. Hill acted as witnesses.

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Review Of The Principal Topics

February 16 To Feb. 22

Wednesday

February 19

Record Prices For Firewood. The price of firewood has further increased, and today only 17 catties could be bought for a dollar. On Monday the price fluctuated between 18 and 19 catties, while no change was recorded on Tuesday.

It is understood that Government is importing firewood in order to relieve the acute situation, and that a shipment is expected to arrive within the next week.

To-day's quotation constituted a record in the price of this essential fuel.

Firewood from old railway sleepers is being offered for sale in many shops in Hongkong and Kowloon. The sleepers are approximately 5½ feet by one foot, and weigh about 22 to 23 catties. They are cut up in convenient lengths and sold at 22 catties to the dollar.

These sleepers which number hundreds of thousands were originally ordered by the Chinese Government for extension of their railway line in the interior, but owing to disruption of transport by the Japanese invasion, they had been stored in Hongkong since their arrival here two years ago.

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Thursday

February 20

Budget Debate. Outspoken criticism of Government Administration in general and the conduct of several departments in particular were made by Unofficial Members of the Legislative Council to-day when a debate on the Budget introduced by the Financial Secretary (the Hon. Mr. H. R. Butters) on January 10 was held.

His Excellency the Acting Governor, Lieut-General E. F. Norton, was unable to preside at the meeting owing to an injury sustained while walking in the country on the previous day, and his place was taken by the Colonial Secretary (the Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith).

The Hon. Mr. J. Patterson, Senior Unofficial Member, asked how not one Civil Servant was ever dismissed for inefficiency, although the conduct of some of Government's affairs was bad. Referring to the evacuation, he said that all three parties to it had behaved badly—the Colonial Government, the Home Government and some of the evacuees, who continued to complain.

The need for the overhauling of the Government system was stressed by the Hon. Mr. S. H. Dowling, who emphasised the extreme seriousness of the many adverse reports and complaints which for too many members of the public had brought. On the question of taxation, he said that, compared with Home, the Colony was ridiculously lightly taxed, but he was not in favour of increasing taxation on the low level incomes in view of the excessive rise in the cost of living.

A strong attack against the administration of the War Revenue Ordinance, the Immigration Office and the Food Controller, was made by the Hon. Mr. S. K. Lo, who appealed for more civility by civil servants in the performance of their duties. He also opposed the proposed revision of the principles under which war taxation was based, pointing out that it was fundamentally opposite to that taken up by Government when the Bill was introduced.

Perhaps the most outspoken comment against the Government came from the Hon. Mr. Lee D'Almeida, who urged it to emulate the dictators in one regard, and that was to take measures to purge its ranks. The Hon. Mr. D'Almeida also spoke of racial distinctions in Government employment, and said that if the liberal laws were not so strict the correspondence columns of the newspapers would be full of the most interesting disclosures and revelations.

The Hon. Mr. A. L. Shields expressed grave concern at the estimated deficit and urged that a tight rein be kept on expenditure by Government Departments on their pet schemes, which might endanger the solvency of the Colony. On the question of providing vessels for the Admiralty, he suggested the construction of freighters because they would be in demand long after the war is over.

More serious and strenuous efforts to stamp out crime and vice were urged by the Hon. Mr. W. N. Thomas Tam, who said that Government owed it to the innocent and law-abiding to remove from them a constant fear and a growing concern for lawlessness and insecurity.

The Hon. Mr. T. E. Pearce expressed disappointment at the poor returns of the Business Profit Tax, and voiced the hope that Independent Committees of enquiry would soon be instituted to make close scrutiny into the running of several important Government Departments.

The practice of Government in keeping a surplus was criticised by the Hon. Mr. Li Tze-fong, who said that the method was medieval and urged that the balances be used for war expenditure.

In his reply, the Financial Secretary said that he had never viewed the expenditure programme as ideal but admitted that it was necessary. There was no oppressive taxation in the Colony, which was at present enjoying an unprecedented prosperity in spite of the high cost of living, and he argued that none of the new taxation proposed was oppressive.

The President disclosed that Government had decided to appoint a strong Committee to enquire into the various allegations which had recently been made against the Immigration Office and his staff, that the Food Control organisation had been under very active scrutiny in the past week; and that, as regards the supply of firewood, a representative had been sent to Manila, Borneo and Malaya to enquire into this vital necessity there. The first shipment of firewood from Sandakan was expected shortly.

New ship launched. Designed specifically to carry timber and firewood the 4,200-ton motor vessel Hui San, built at Kowloon Dock for the Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., was launched to-day. The vessel was christened by Mrs. K. Lo, who was accompanied by Mr. Grayburn, Chief Manager of the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation.

A large gathering saw the ship smartly into the water at 4 p.m. after Lady Grayburn had broken the traditional bottle of champagne over her bows. About 250 guests then gathered to honour the customary toasts.

Friday

February 21

Ladies Hockey Association. As the Hongkong Ladies Hockey Association had never left so secure financially, the Chairman expressed the opinion, at the annual meeting to-night, that this was the time for a generous gesture on their part, and suggested that \$300 be donated to the South China Morning Post Bomber Fund. The proposal was carried unanimously.

The meeting was under the chairmanship of Miss E. M. Gray, who said: Six teams competed in the senior league, Y.M.C.A. winning the Caer Clarke Cup for the fourth year in succession, and St. Andrew's being runners-up for the Southern Cup. In the junior league in Argonauts winning the Brawn Cup and D. G. S. taking second position for the Mamak Cup.

The annual seven-a-side tournament resulted in the Pearce Cup being won by C. B. A. and the Knill Cup by Argonauts. Special mention should be made of the splendid effort on the part of the Argonauts, who, in their first year of competitive hockey won both the Brawn and Knill Cups.

Miss Gray explained how it was she was taking the Chair although she was not on the Council. With the resignation of Mrs. T. E. Pearce, the office of President had been left vacant, and she had been asked to act for the remaining portion of the season.

The accounts showed a healthy balance, with cash in bank amounting to \$1,455.04.

Officers Elected. Miss Gray proposed that the office of President be left vacant until conditions were more normal. The proposal was passed unanimously.

Officers elected were: Vice-President, Miss E. M. Gray; Secretary and Treasurer, Miss R. Smith; Council: Misses J. Remondos, A. Alver (Secretary), Mrs. K. Lo, Misses M. C. A. (C.A.A.), Misses M. Smalley, M. Booker (Hongkong); Mrs. I. Joyce, Miss P. Baxter (C.B.A.); Misses F. Wong, G. White (St. Andrew's); Misses E. Churn, V. Jex (D.G.S.); Mrs. C. Figueiredo, Miss M. Maxwell (Argonauts).

It was decided to let the Caer Clarke Cup competition lapse this year, but to continue the seven-a-side tournament. In these games the one Club that did not have seven players (Y.M.C.A.) would be adopted by other clubs. The Chairman also proposed that the Tournament be used to raise money for the Bomber Fund.

It was decided that clubs contribute their usual annual subscriptions for membership fees.

The question of the safety of the Association's challenge cups was discussed and it was decided that the cups be stored with the shield, in the bank.

It was decided that the Association should complete for the Pearce Cup and Knill Cup this year.

Colony Census. A census of the population will be taken between 10 a.m. from March 7 to 10 said Mr. B. H. Puckle, Deputy Director of A.R.P., at a Press conference to-day. All the entire A.R.P. force, comprising 2,400 wardens in Hongkong and 1,100 wardens in Kowloon, will be engaged upon this gigantic task.

The only information that the A.R.P. will require is the age and nationality of the occupants of premises. It is stressed that the sole object of the census is to find out what shelter accommodation must be provided in each district and also how food must be distributed in case of emergency.

Mr. Puckle expressed the hope that the population will assist and co-operate in this respect.

Auxiliary Nurses. Since the last published list the following members of the Auxiliary Nursing Service, who completed their 90-hour hospital training in the wards and gained the proficiency certificate.

Sarah Abdullah, Ena Alves, Stella Bander, Sheila Baskett, Enid Becken, Margaret Clark, Elizabeth Davies, Hilary Greaves, Winifred Grimshaw, Ruth Hubert, Sister St. George, Helen Hawkins, Sister Jean de Eucharistia, Nina Kamilova, Kwan Wai-ying, Rose Loseby, Dora Lancaster, Mary Lo, Mrs. M. K. Lo, Mrs. M. K. Lo, Mrs. Eileen Monks, Winifred Margaret, Leslie Puckle, Edna Pockson, Marie Paterson, Sister St. Philippe, Doris Rocha, Margaret Saling, Sister St. John, Sister St. Stephen, Lucy Sumad, Anna Tanner, Sister Theresa, Guillaumina Van der Laan, Valentine Vargassoff, Norah Wentworth, Naomi Walton Smith.

Saturday

February 22

Football Results. Results in the week-end Shield and League matches were as follows:

Quips By "Argus"

With Acknowledgments
A study of lightning shows that it prefers striking females. Monday?

Now the great question is whether threes or sevens are luckier on a heavy track.

Everybody seems to be excited about Hongkong except Hongkong. Maybe it's folly to be wise.

Headline in an American paper: Governor To Stay Home, Nurse Cold.

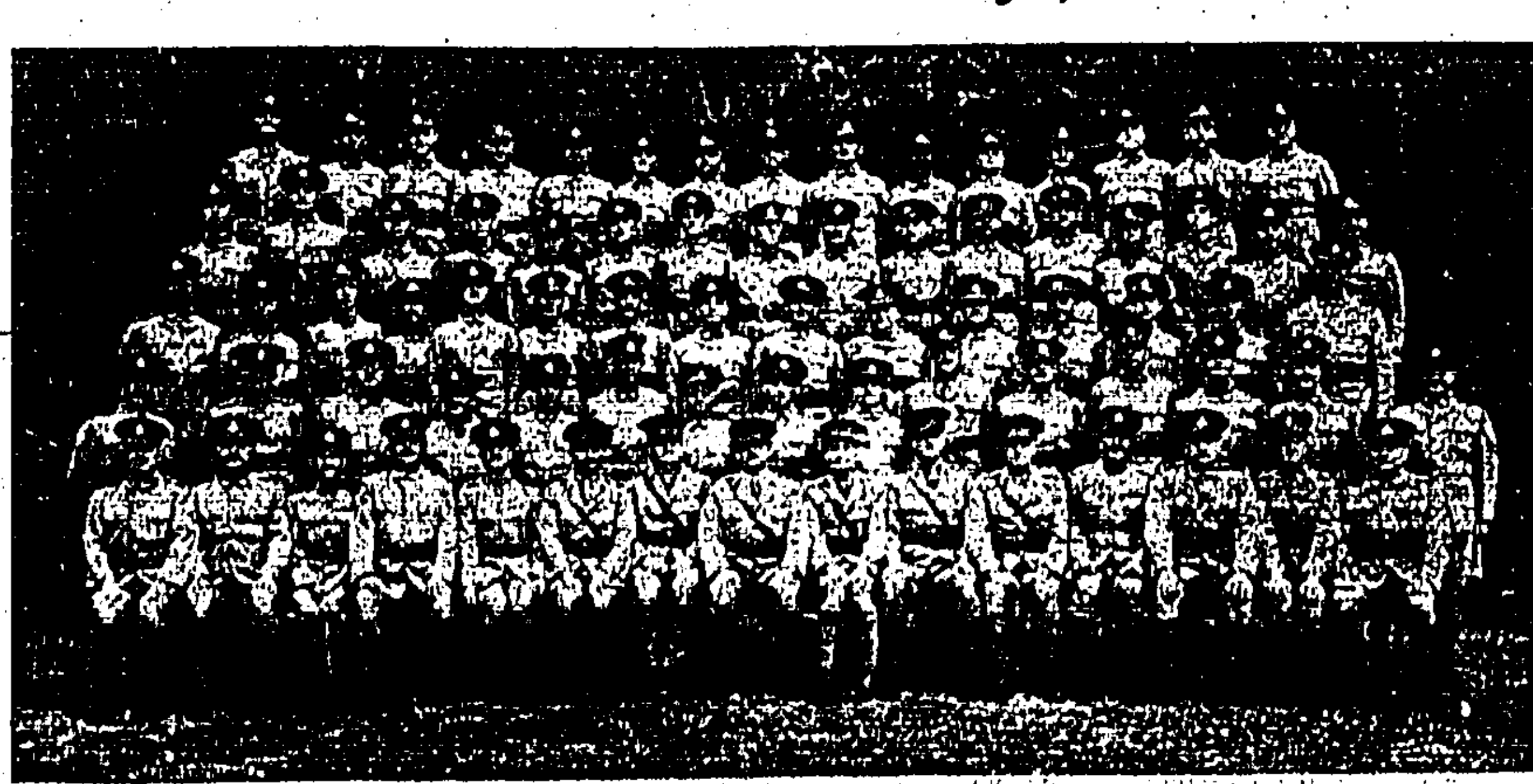
I see that a Japanese detachment was "heavily decimated." Possibly one of those recurring decimals.

Germany is now building vest pocket submarines. Well, we can retail with safety razor blade tin-openers.

A gang has stolen seven tri-cycles. You know my methods Watson: they're truck drivers performing a public service.

"There is bound to be a little confusion with owners on account of the postponement of the opening day of the Annual Race Meeting. Owners who had intended sending their nominations to the Trial Plate, have now decided to put them out in a shorter race or else scratch them altogether."
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MATSUOKA'S OFFER

MR Matsuoka, Japan's Foreign Minister, is reported to have offered to do anything in the Far East that would serve to restore a feeling of security. That is a most interesting proposition. Giving Mr Matsuoka the credit for being an honourable man, is it not possible that his advisers, strongly coloured by Naziism, are anxious to lure the Far East into a false sense of safety? That while we were listening to soft cooings from Tokyo, this end of the Axis would be aiming to the teeth to strike at a more opportune time? Mr Matsuoka does not have to ask us

what he should do to restore harmony. As regards Britain, he should withdraw his army, navy and air force from Indo-China where they have no good reason to be; he should cease being the willing tool of our greatest enemy, putting us on the defensive here because he has admitted thousands of German sailors and military and naval experts to his shores, and to his councils, in circumstances that have raised legitimate suspicion of Japanese complicity in raider warfare at sea and in army tactics near our borders. The Netherlands, Philippines and China can look after themselves and we shall be behind them because, selfish as it may sound, their interests have been tied up with ours almost irrevocably by Japanese actions and statements.

How can we agree that their southward expansion is peaceful and economic when Tokyo statesmen invariably add the postscript that if their peaceful aims are not successful, they will prosecute them with arms? Such a policy is that of a gangster approaching a policeman with the words, "I will not shoot if you hand over your revolver and let me take over your beat. I want to look after my friends and get a little something on the side for myself."

If there is anything sincere about Japanese policy it is dislike of a war with Britain and America. We should appreciate that but for the certain fact that when she is prepared and when the advance starts, her military leaders will not hesitate to send the Japanese people into the conflict again if resistance is met.

Japan is somewhat like the good boy who strolled out of the family councils and, finding an easy-going weaker friend, fell to bullying. The little boy was not disciplined; in fact he managed to wrest some childish spoils which stimulated a latent avaricious streak. He strayed more often and took some beatings from his victims but then he fell among bad companions who played upon his indecision—whether to stay on the streets at night or go home to his own home and a regular, if small, wage.

It's the old story of law versus the lawless but nowadays every citizen belongs to the vigilantes. Japan will not be told: the democracies will not be cowed.



RALPH INGERSOLL

INGERSOLL: Ex-Ambassador Kennedy, you know, is talking on the radio to-night. Did you have any chance to know him when you were in London? Did you have any business with him? Did you and the other American correspondents there interest yourselves at all in how this country was being represented in London?

ROBERTSON: Yes, we did. We had constant business with him. We saw him on many occasions. In fact, to the American correspondents, how well we were represented was one of the most important questions. We had to know, you know, London in the midst of the war is a small town and everybody knows everybody else, especially among the American correspondents. We were in close contact with the Ambassador because we were all aliens in a country that was at war and every step we took had to be taken through the Embassy. We were in and out of his office every day on some business or other. All of us.

INGERSOLL: As I recall, you also got to know the men who were the active members of the British Government, men who were shooting down Messerschmitts, hunting raiders and submarines. You think they could have concealed their real opinions from you?

ROBERTSON: No, certainly not. If you go through a kind of people there is sure to come a time when you stop talking for the record and making diplomatic speeches and say what you really think.

INGERSOLL: Possibly you even asked such an indiscreet question as "What do you think of the American Ambassador in London?" sometime or other.

ROBERTSON: Yes, that is true. They told us what Kennedy had said to them. In fact, one of the interesting things was to compare what Kennedy had said to them with what he had said to us. He always led them to believe he was their greatest friend and even that last news reel he made before he left the Embassy, he got the plane to Lisbon—gave the implication that they were doing a fine job and that they were on their side. I was at the embassy when that news reel was being made. It cheered up the British a great deal. They thought it was fine.

Said Different Things

INGERSOLL: I don't quite get that. You tell me that the British were pleased by what he said to them but it doesn't sound as if you American correspondents always were. Didn't he say the same thing to you that he said to them?

ROBERTSON: No. I was relieved when I heard about the news reel because that hadn't been my impression at all. He had given me and other American correspondents the distinct impression that he was very sceptical about Britain's chances.

INGERSOLL: What American Ambassador said one thing to the British and another to the American correspondents?

ROBERTSON: Yes, in fact, I was relieved when I heard what he said for the news reel because I was afraid he had lost confidence.

INGERSOLL: Lost confidence? That is interesting. What kind of people did he talk to or do business with?

ROBERTSON: Well, he saw everybody. But one whom he admired and often talked about was Chamberlain. He often said to me, "I'm a misanthropic man and often mentioned that he was proud about the fact that he was the one who had introduced Lindbergh to Chamberlain. You don't know what it is difficult to get that man Kennedy down. He was so devious. You remember how we talked about his logic—how we couldn't see that his conclusions could possibly come from his premises?

He still seems to think that Britain wasn't prepared to fight. Perhaps thousands have fought but on the other hand he would give you the impression that they were right in fighting. Our hooray for them. Sometimes he thought we should help them. Sometimes he thought we shouldn't. Sometimes he said they were giving us a chance to arm. That we should arm but that they would eventually come and take it away. That was what we were to drop them overboard and that they didn't count. Still he told the people in the newsreel that they were doing a fine job.

Inconsistency

INGERSOLL: Well, I have got one clear picture of Kennedy in London at least. Mr Kennedy was a man who said one thing at one time, and a different one at another time. He was one person and one thing to another. And believed in Chamberlain and Lindbergh? Is that accurate?

INGERSOLL: Well, how can you account for such an inconsistency? Did anyone in London have any theories?

ROBERTSON: We talked about it constantly every day. He was a great puzzle to us and finally the only way we could explain it was that he was a Wall Street bear. He was a confirmed pessimist and would sell anything short.

INGERSOLL: You mean that whereas as military men and working journalists and people whose lives are involved in a war can get used to bombing it may be harder for a big business man who is jump about his profits?

ROBERTSON: He told us one day, "This war's raising hell with my business."

INGERSOLL: Yes, I can see how it would. But I was also thinking of the difference between the way people take things and the way people think. Kennedy personally but I did notice that there were some people in London whose judgment was less affected by their own interests.

ROBERTSON: We used to laugh about the fact that Kennedy stayed in the country most of the time instead of in London. The story that we heard of over London was that Kennedy, having taken the stand he did—publicly approving the British—he thought he had to stay long enough to be helpful in that respect. Times were serious in London and often we needed his help in our personal problems. We could always depend upon him. He was always available, would listen

Ralph Ingersoll is the Editor of the New York newspaper, "PM," and Ben Robertson is the Journal's London Correspondent. Both have seen London in the worst periods of the Nazi air raids. In view of the wide publicity given to the statements made by Mr Joseph P. Kennedy, the former U.S. Ambassador to London, concerning America's defence problems and international problems bearing on Britain's war effort, Ingersoll took the extraordinary step of interviewing his own reporter on the matter of the Ex-Ambassador's record in London in order to find out what Mr Kennedy's words were worth. Some time ago Mr Kennedy disowned an interview published in the "Boston Globe" in which he suggested that it was erroneous to think that democracy was alive in England.

INGERSOLL: No one likes being bombed. Why didn't the British Government leave London? They were as free to go to the country as Joe Kennedy.

ROBERTSON: The Government believed in what they were fighting for and they stayed at their posts. He came home as quickly as he could.

INGERSOLL: That's just your own opinion?

ROBERTSON: No. That was the opinion of most of the correspondents. They came in all colours and shapes and sizes but correspondents weren't taken in very long. One funny thing about Kennedy was that he never seemed to think anybody would really believe his off-the-record remarks. We never printed them, of course. But we were all highly interested in London when we read about one of them in the "Boston Globe." He told us the general sense, exactly what was in the interview he disowned. He once told me that he saw nothing in the world but anarchy.

INGERSOLL: It hardly reflects the quality of fighting for one's principles that is so characteristic of Mr Roosevelt and the Administration Mr Kennedy was representing in London.

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INGERSOLL: Donovan thought it was a good census. Well fought. Then you think Donovan's confidence may have come from talking with other American observers?

ROBERTSON: The British turned over everything to him. He saw everybody as you did and I think his conclusions were based on that too.

INGERSOLL: Didn't the Washington military observers in the embassy spend much time with the British military people at Dover and at the military air ports?

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The PARADOX of KENNEDY



Joseph P. Kennedy shrewdly made \$5,000 while still a Harvard student as co-owner of a bus. In 1914, when only 25, he became president of the Columbia Trust Co., a small Boston bank. During the Great War business-minded Kennedy managed a shipbuilding plant of the Bethlehem Steel Co., and later worked on Wall Street. Then the movies beckoned, and from 1924 to 1929 he was connected with the film industry, first as president of the Film Booking Offices of America and later as adviser to Keith-Albee-Orpheum, First National, RCA and Paramount. After the 1929 crash, he quit movies, with it is estimated, something like \$5,000,000 clear profit. In 1934, he cleaned up in a Liberty Bonds stock pool. Soon after that, his role as businessman-finance was soft-pedalled. He was on his way to international politics. These facts of Kennedy's career are given in "PM."

ROBERTSON: No. But we never had such an idea that he was a friend of the President's.

INGERSOLL: What made you say that?

ROBERTSON: Well, the day he left he gave a party. He took his coat off and said, "I'm going to say what I haven't been able to for two years. I have been saying yes when I meant no. Our impression was that he was going home to denounce the President and might back the Republicans. I was so concerned I got word to him to think it over before he acted. No man appointed by the Democratic Party can come out against the nominee for the Democratic Party. Some of his secretaries told me they had been arguing with him for days. And it certainly was my impression in London that he was dead against Roosevelt. One correspondent even wrote up the story. The rest of us didn't get out of a limb because we knew him. We knew how mercurial he was. We have been wondering ever since what happened between the time he left London and the time he arrived in New York. When he came out for the President just before the election he was doing the same kind of thing he had been doing in London—saying one thing for the public and another in private.

INGERSOLL: You know, talking to you about Kennedy in London is like developing a negative in the dark room. There's a picture emerging here but it doesn't seem to me to be the picture of one of America's great men. He doesn't look like Benjamin Franklin, the man who represented our interests in France in the course of the American Revolution.

Liquor Dealer

ROBERTSON: He was a Ben Franklin in thought in one way. He was a Ben Franklin in another way. He was all his Irishness and his nine children. And they had never had a liquor dealer before as the ambassador of a foreign power.

INGERSOLL: Well, the Germans used to send the English their Von Ribbentrop, who used to sell champagne. I remember you telling me Kennedy was an efficient fellow in the way he ran his embassy.

ROBERTSON: He couldn't have been better. And personally I hate to say anything against him because he was so helpful in that respect. Times were serious in London and often we needed his help in our personal problems. We could always depend upon him. He was always available, would listen

to us and do something about it immediately. He was almost like a father to his personal concern about our safety. One day some of us were going to Dover. He phoned us. What hotel were we going to stay at? How long were we going to be there? He got us on planes into England and out of England and we all were grateful to him.

INGERSOLL: It may be an unkind thing to say but from what you have told me I would believe that Joe Kennedy was a very sensitive man on the subject of safety.

ROBERTSON: Yes. He frequently urged all of us to go home.

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Big Test Coming For Lend and Lease Bill

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MONDAY MORNING COMMENTARY

Senior Shield Quarter-Finals Penalty Kick Decides Match In Eastern's Favour: Sing Tao Surprised By St Joseph's

(By "SCRAMBLER")

SHOWING A VASTLY improved form from their last league encounter, Kwong Wah very nearly surprised Eastern when they met yesterday in the quarter finals of the Senior Shield, succumbing only to a better organised attack by the odd goal in three. The losers were somewhat demoralised by the award of a "spot-kick" against them for accidental hands during the latter part of the first half from which Eastern obtained the lead. If a similar decision had been awarded them on two later occasions against the winners, the result might have been different.

Kwong Wah had only themselves to blame for the result, for their forwards were at no time dangerous, and never in the course of the whole game took an effective shot at goal. The insidemen were unable to co-operate with the wingers, and their passes and understanding often went astray. If they had been a little more concrete in their work, Eastern would have been sorely put to ward off the attacks.

A better co-ordinated attack was up against a steady defence, but the defence were unable to help their attack much due to the fact that their clearances were either weak or partially blocked. There was too much loose play, and although Eastern won, their victory was not very conclusive.

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ANNUAL RACE MEETING, 1941

Postponed to:—Monday, 24th February
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MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURES

Members are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.
NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

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Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the Race Course.
The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, EXCHANGE BUILDING, (Tel. 27794) WILL CLOSE AT 9.45 a.m. ON THE FIRST FOUR DAYS, and at 11.45 a.m. ON THE FIFTH DAY.
A limited number of tickets will be obtainable each day at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box, (Tel. 21920).

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SERVANTS' PASSES

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By Order,

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary
Hongkong, 10th February, 1941.

Wah allowed Eastern to penetrate their defence twice only. It was the custodian who stood between the Eastern's attack and goal on many occasions, and his keen anticipation and judgment saved them time and again. He was well supported by a very steady pair of backs, Chung Fai-lam was the better of the two, intercepting and clearing well and had good support from Leung Pak-wai.

The intermediate line went about their work with a will, and spoilt many good movements. They were however unable to pass or clear accurately, and because of their concentration in defence, they were unable to help in their attack. Wong Wah-gay put in an excellent afternoon's work, but Yeung Poon-hon found that Hau Ching-tau was much too fast for him. Chung Kim-fay had a good control over C. T. Tsao.

Loose Forwards

In the attacks, Kwong Wah were unable to settle down as a team, the insidemen as stated were unable to partner with their wingers. Wong King-cheung caused the Eastern's attack the most worry, and Cheuk Shek-kam spoilt many good movements by holding on the ball too long. The inside trio had good approach work, but were extremely weak in front of goal.

Much of Eastern's success can be laid at the feet of their halves, for their attack too although prominent was not on the dangerous side. Hui-let-his-men well as usual, but it was Hau Ching-tau who did all the shooting. Both Cheung Kam-hoi and Qui Yeung-fok were not up to scratch, the latter did not appear to be an attacker at all.

Hau King-ling held the middle of the field, and sent through many passes. Both Ng Kee-cheung and Lo Wai-kuen had control over their respective departments, but the former found that Wong King-cheung was not only fast but tricky. Lau Hin-hon did not have much to do and the goal that went past him was the best of the match.

Even First Half

The ball was swung from one end to the other, and Eastern's pair of backs had the measure of Kwong Wah's attack, which was inclined to be on the loose side. Eastern concentrated their attack on the right side, and C. T. Tsao's centre was accidentally handled by Leung Pak-wai.

From the resultant "spot-kick" taken by Cheung Kam-hoi, Eastern obtained the lead. However, Kwong Wah appeared to have been badly shaken by this goal, for they went about their play very lethargically.

Crossing over with the lead of one goal, Eastern diverged their attack to the left where Kwong Wah's defence left Hau Ching-tau too much unmarked. During this period Lee Kwok-kee put in a great deal of good, saving on many occasions by diving full length for the ball. He saved magnificently from Hui-let and later from Hau Ching-tau at point blank range. Hau Ching-tau however increased the lead when he cut in to score from close range.

Thereafter, Kwong Wah awoke from their lethargy and subjected Eastern's goal to a series of raids, in one of which Tin Yung-fat scored with a left foot drive that had Lau Hin-hon beaten all the way. This goal was the result of fine approach work on the right. With only five minutes Kwong Wah went all out for the equaliser, but their efforts were frustrated by Eastern's defence who were playing at the top of their form.

KWONG WAH: Lee Kwok-kee; Chung Fai-lam, Leung Pak-wai; Yeung Poon-hon, Wong Wah-gay; Chung Kim-fai; Cheuk Shek-kam, Tin Yung-fat, Lee Yan-leung, Lau Fook-chum, Wong King-cheung.
EASTERN: Lau Hin-hon; Kong Sang-king, S. Y. Yee, Ng Kee-cheung, Hui King-ling, Lo Wai-kuen; C. T. Tsao, Cheung Kam-hoi, V. Y. Hui, Qui Yeung-fok, Hau Ching-tau.

SING TAO BEATEN

Saints' Brilliant Win

Strengthened by the inclusion of Guy and Flanders, Saint Joseph's College created a surprise when they beat Sing Tao by 2-0 yesterday at Causeway Bay in the quarter finals of the Senior Shield. To Guy in the pivotal position and Sammy Tsang in goal, the Saints owed much of their success, for between the two of them, they had Sing Tao's attack bottled up.

The defence played up very well, where Hussain and Bowen were seen to good advantage by their bustling clearances. Guy was the best man on view, holding the fast Chinese forwards at bay. He was ably supported by Leonard on his left and T. Castilho on his right. It was in this department that the Saints were able to assume the supremacy.

In attack, the whole of the forward line found understanding. Here MacDonald by his foraging had the Chinese defence on tenterhooks. Santos partnered well with Cruz on the right and Gomes was able to play up to the fast Flanders.

Tricky Trio

The Chinese forward line were not allowed to settle down. Guy saw to it that the tricky trio of Fung King-cheung, Kwok Ying-kie and Lai Shui-wing were not allowed to bring their intricate moves into play, and broke up many of their movements. The intermediate trio were unable to hold the Saints' attack. Leung Wing-chiu was unable to master the fleet footed MacDonald and both Tsui Ah-fai and Soong Ling-sing found that the pair of wingers were a bundle of energy.

Only the good work of Hou Yung-sang and Mak Shui-hon at back was responsible for the Saints being unable to take the lead in the first half. Cheung Wing-chol played up well, but found MacDonald's methods a bit to his dislike. Sammy Tsang was in great form, saving several certain goals.

Play was very even in the first half, and had the Saints' forwards been able to shoot more accurately, they would undoubtedly have taken the lead. Sing Tao's attack were not allowed to get co-ordinated. Guy was ably aided by his wing halves, Hussain and Bowen supported them well.

With no score in the first half, the Saints went into the attack, and Leonard's lob shot was saved by Cheung Wing-chol. MacDonald followed up and the Chinese keeper allowed the ball to slip to the ground thereby allowing MacDonald to score. The Saints were definitely on top and the same player scored their second goal when he went through from a pass by Flanders.

SAINTS: Sammy Tsang; A. J. Hussain, J. Bowen; T. Castilho, Guy, D. Leonard; Cruz, Santos, MacDonald, Gomes, Flanders.
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Interport Probables v. British Army

THE INTERPORT hockey Probables will be playing the British Army to-morrow at 4.45 p.m. on the Club ground, King's Park. The Probables team will be:
V. M. Benwell; V. C. Bond and J. Gonsalves; R. Marques, W. A. Reed and N. B. Whitley; T. Whitley, C. Singh, B. Gosno, H. L. Ozorio and W. Brown.
Reserves—E. Fowler, D. T. Smith, A. Alves, W. Parker and A. E. P. Guest.

THRILLS IN THE GOALMOUTH



Sammy Tsang and J. Bowen (Saints) in a heading duel with Lai Shui-wing (Sing Tao) in front of the Saints' goal. A. J. Hussain, other Saints' back, is seen behind.—England Studios.

Rifle Shooting

Colony Lose Interport Match to Singapore

Largely due to lack of practice with aperture sights brought about by local military restrictions, Hongkong lost the 1940 Interport rifle shooting contest with Singapore, and thus the Far East Trophy, which it won in 1939.

The contest was first instituted in 1938 by the Hongkong Rifle Association. Shoots are conducted on postal lines and each team, comprising of 10 British subjects resident in the place, is allowed to fire on any date within the calendar year.

Hongkong fired on December 15. Conditions then were far from favourable and with lack of practice with aperture sights, the team was able to aggregate only 730 against their winning score of 752 the previous year, whereas Singapore aggregated 702. The only possible at any range was C/Sgt Hale's 35 at 500 yards for Hongkong.
—Hongkong, however, won the Open Sight event, but this is only a subsidiary shoot and does not count towards the Interport result.
Following are the detailed results:

Interport

SINGAPORE	200	500	600	Ttl.
L. A. J. Whitcombe	32	34	24	700
C.S.M. D. Hopkins	33	33	32	98
F/Sgt. D. Field	33	32	32	97
C/Sgt. S. P. Coulson	34	33	29	96
L/Cpl. C. E. Goh	30	32	32	94
L.A.C. E. Lane	33	31	30	94
Sgt. C. Child	31	31	30	92
R.Q.M.S. Bickelpike	31	30	30	91
Total	257	258	240	755

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Week-end Golf Results

FINALS in two of the competitions of the Fanling Golf Club and the Country Club were played this week-end.

At Fanling, S. L. Lloyd won the 36-holes final of the Junior Championship, beating A. J. Dennis 3 and 1.

Country Club

At the Country Club, A. W. Ramsey took his second trophy of the year when, with R. E. Lee, he won the final of the men's foursomes, beating W. Williamson and C. S. Thom 6 and 4.
In the second round of the Club Championship, Ramsey beat Williamson 2 up.

Although they were greatly weakened by the absence of Capt. Carl Knowles; American Olympic ace, forced to the sidelines with a sprained ankle suffered in a game at Manila, the Californian giants worked together like a well-oiled machine, handling the ball in masterful fashion. Their clear-cut ball handling, effective passing and close guarding were a feature of the game, and had the cage fans continually roaring.

Slow in starting due to the strange surroundings and to the gym was greatly over-crowded, the American visitors gradually worked up steam, and in the second half their plays were working with clock-like precision.
Relying mainly on sure passing, climax shooting plays, the visitors had the local stars completely baffled for the greater part of the game.

Commanding Lead
TAKING the lead at the opening whistle, the tall cage stars from sunny California were never seriously threatened, taking a commanding 34-18 lead at half-time.

In the last half the local prizes, through fast breaking tactics fought desperately to cut the lead, but the visitors, employing cool calculated movements were complete masters of the game and through effective passing as well as accurate shooting, emerged winners by an overwhelming margin.

For the touring Americans, towering Lester "Scarlett" O'Garra, former Pasadena J. C. star, with his steady influence, dearest shots and close guarding, was the standout player on the floor, sinking the ball through the hoops for a "whizz-bang" 28 points.
Ray Weldie, ex-Utah University ace and Lee Woodward of Whittier College also came in with the "starry role".

Lo Chen-hoon, Sek Chen-chee and Siew Kit-man played brilliantly for the locals who were completely out-classed in both offensive and defensive play by a superior team.

Preliminary
In a preliminary game the Kowloon girls starlets took the Hong Kong quintette into camp 31-14.
Californians—Lee Woodward & Lester O'Garra 28, Paul Lloyd 4, Ray Weldie 14, Johnny Ball 4, "Curly Johnson" 6, Chuck Ferrin 6.
Hongkong all-stars—Lo Chen-hoon 6, Sek Chen-chee 6, Chan Su-luk 2, Lee Pui-chick 2, Chan Sui-ling 2, Fook-shing 2, Cheng Chui-sun 4, Leung Kok-dock 2, Siew Kit-man, Chan See-bun, Luk Tack-chiang, Sek Chun-tack.

Cricket

Volunteers Beaten By Recreio

CLUB DE RECREIO beat the Hongkong Volunteers by five runs in a keen game of cricket at King's Park yesterday. Despite their being represented by only ten men, consistent scoring by the early batsmen enabled Recreio to total 181.

To this, the Volunteers replied with 176, of which 74 was contributed by E. C. Fincher.

Scores were:
Recreio.—181 (J. M. Gosano 35, M. D'Almada—Remedios 31, L. G. Gosano 27, P. M. N. da Silva 26, A. E. Perry 3 for 39, L. T. Ride 2 for 18).
Volunteers.—176 (E. C. Fincher 74, A. Zimmermann 31, A. E. Perry 23, E. Scores 2 for 17, L. G. Gosano 2 for 30).

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Beaverbrook Directs Attention to New R.A.F.

LONDON, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—Britain's growing air strength was stressed by Lord Beaverbrook, Minister of Aircraft Production, broadcasting to Canada to-day.

Lord Beaverbrook stated: "The strength of our reserves no longer occupies our attention. We give our thoughts rather to new types, to longer flights, to more striking power, to greater altitude and to swifter pursuit."

After appealing to Canadians to assist in keeping open the north-western approaches to Britain, Lord Beaverbrook said that the price of invasion might be heavy and it was not expected that payment in full for such an adventure would be made on this side of the Channel.

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European Hits Police Officer

\$100 Fine Imposed

D. F. Stock, described as being on the staff of the Asiatic Petroleum Company, was charged before Mr H. G. Sheldon, k.c., at Central Magistrate's court this morning with assaulting Constable Shen Tak-yeung, PCD247.

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MENZIES' PLEDGE

Britain Will Never Be Deserted

LONDON, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—The Empire must be "all in," our second best will not win this war.

This was the keynote of the speech broadcast by Mr R. G. Menzies, the Australian Prime Minister, from London to-night. Mr Menzies proceeded: "The British Empire and the United States are in the vital matter of war production, only beginning while Germany must already be feeling the strain which will not be sensibly diminished by making slaves of Italian factory hands after the collapse of the Italian military effort. Time, provided that we use it day and night, is our ally."

Customs Pass Tragedy

Fung Kwok-wai, comrade of the Green Island Cement Company, is one of the figures in what might be a double tragedy which occurred yesterday. Around midnight yesterday, he was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital suffering from lacerations and wounds to his throat.

His wife, second figure in the tragedy, was Chui Lo-tan, alias Tai Shau-kum, who is dead from seven wounds to the head and throat believed to have been inflicted by a chopper.

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SNATCHING

Large Sum Taken From Office Boy In City

The story of how three men had stolen N.C.\$3,000 from an office boy, in the Central district on Saturday was related at Central Magistrate's court this morning when Chan Yeung-ye, 26, and Chu Ting-man, 24, both unemployed, were charged before Mr H. G. Sheldon, k.c., with theft.

Sharp Differences In Tokyo Negotiations

Special to the "Telegraph"

SAIGON, Feb. 23 (UP).—Authoritative and informed quarters, while admitting that serious differences exist between Indo-China, Thai and the Tokyo negotiators, declare that the negotiations have not been broken off.

Meanwhile the Laos-Thai violation of the armistice agreement has been partly corrected, and as a result the French several days ago agreed to continue negotiations.

Although it is hoped that the differences can be bridged before the armistice period expires, the civil and military authorities are giving the situation their closest attention, and many recent actions indicate that the Indo-China Government would be prepared should a stubborn Thai stand prevent the successful signing of peace.

General Decoux and the Government are going to Hanoi by air. The French cruiser Lamotte-Picquet, flagship of the Indo-China fleet, as well as a Japanese torpedo boat, to-day quietly and unexpectedly left Saigon for unknown destinations.

Two French destroyers left Saigon yesterday. These departures are with the Thai-Indo-China armistice causing speculation in connection which is due to expire on Tuesday.

TOKYO, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—Japanese reports from Saigon allege that following an extraordinary session of the French War Council, all warships of the French Far Eastern fleet, including the flagship, the 7,000-ton cruiser, Lamotte Picquet, have sailed in the direction of the Gulf of Siam.

It is also alleged that the Indo-China authorities have cancelled the leave of all French troops and men and have ordered them to return to their regiments.

These steps are said to be taken in view of the expiration of the Franco-Thai armistice on February 25.

Illegal Letter Carrying

A fine of \$100 or a month's hard labour was imposed on Chan Wah, 20, a ship's fook, by Mr H. G. Sheldon, k.c., at Central Magistrate's court this morning for conveying 10 letters into Hongkong.

Det-Sergeant Summers said that the defendant was searched and the letters found on him as he was leaving a steamer that had arrived from Macao. The letters were all of a domestic nature.

The defendant remarked that he was carrying the letters for someone, and knew that he was not allowed to do this.

Charged with conveying four letters out of Hongkong, Hung Ming, 30, unemployed, was fined \$50 or three weeks' hard labour by Mr Sheldon. It was said that the defendant was found with the letters when he was searched at the Po Tak Wharf, Canton Road, Central. These letters were also of a domestic character.

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Against an attendance of 91,048,012 persons during 1939, a total of 101,708,711 paid for admission to the movies in Tokyo prefecture last year, a survey shows.

The increased population as well as the mounting debt to the cities are cited as contributory causes to this rise but official point out that the problem is not being solved as the building of new motion picture theatres is not being authorised in view of the need for construction materials for more essential structures.

The present survey was precipitated by a near riot caused before one of Tokyo's leading theatres on February 11 when a "Manchurian" actress made a personal appearance.

ROBBED RAID DEAD

The prosecutor said it was "a horrible and disgusting case" when George Alfred Hobbs, a mortuary assistant, was charged in London recently with stealing a ring from the body of an air raid victim. Found in Hobbs' possession were two men's rings, three women's rings, ten £1 notes, two wrist watches.

Modern Exploration In China: Frenchman Slain

CHUNGKING, Feb. 22 (Central News).—M. A. Guibaut, famous French explorer representing the French Geographical Society in Paris, arrived in Chungking recently following a seven-month tour of Sikkim. During his tour he met with an unfortunate incident and lost his associate, M. L. Liotard, who accompanied him, all his films and belongings.

This happened on September 9, 1940 when Guibaut's caravan, consisting of two Tibetans a Chinese servant, five horses and 10 yaks, was attacked by a group of 20 bandits.

Armed with guns, the bandits descended upon them from a high mountain north-west of Kangling. Liotard and the Chinese servant were killed while Guibaut managed to escape to a lamasery in company with the two Tibetans, his overcoat riddled with bullets.

They were cordially received by the lamas and after four days the French explorer and the two Tibetans, accompanied by six yaks, resumed the tour on horseback. They went as far as Luho, a small town inhabited mainly by Chinese.

Resumed Journey From Luho, Guibaut turned back, arriving at Kangling in October and in Chingtu in November. After staying in Chingtu for a couple of months, he returned to Chungking. Commenting on his trip, Guibaut said that Sikkim has great possibilities. It is rich in mineral resources and wool, milk and butter. Exploitation of the province would strengthen considerably China's economy.

There are lamaseries everywhere in the province, he said. During his tour, he visited 12 of them, the smallest accommodating 40 to 50 lamas and the largest 300 to 400.

CHUNGKING, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—Whether the Communist Army will obey orders in future is considerably pre-occupying official minds here.

Following the recent disbanding of the New Fourth (Communist) Army, it was thought that the differences between the Kuomintang and the Chinese Communist Party might be settled amicably through a frank discussion at the forthcoming meeting of the National Peoples' Political Council created by the Government in 1938 for the purpose of enabling all the various political groups to consult together.

It is hoped that the Communist leaders will attend the meeting and not withdraw their co-operation from the common effort.

The Kuomintang Provincial Council has appointed by telegram to the commander of the Communist Army to "obey orders."

Campinchi Passes

LONDON, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—The former French Navy Minister, M. Cesare Campinchi, died to-day at Marseilles, according to the Swiss radio.

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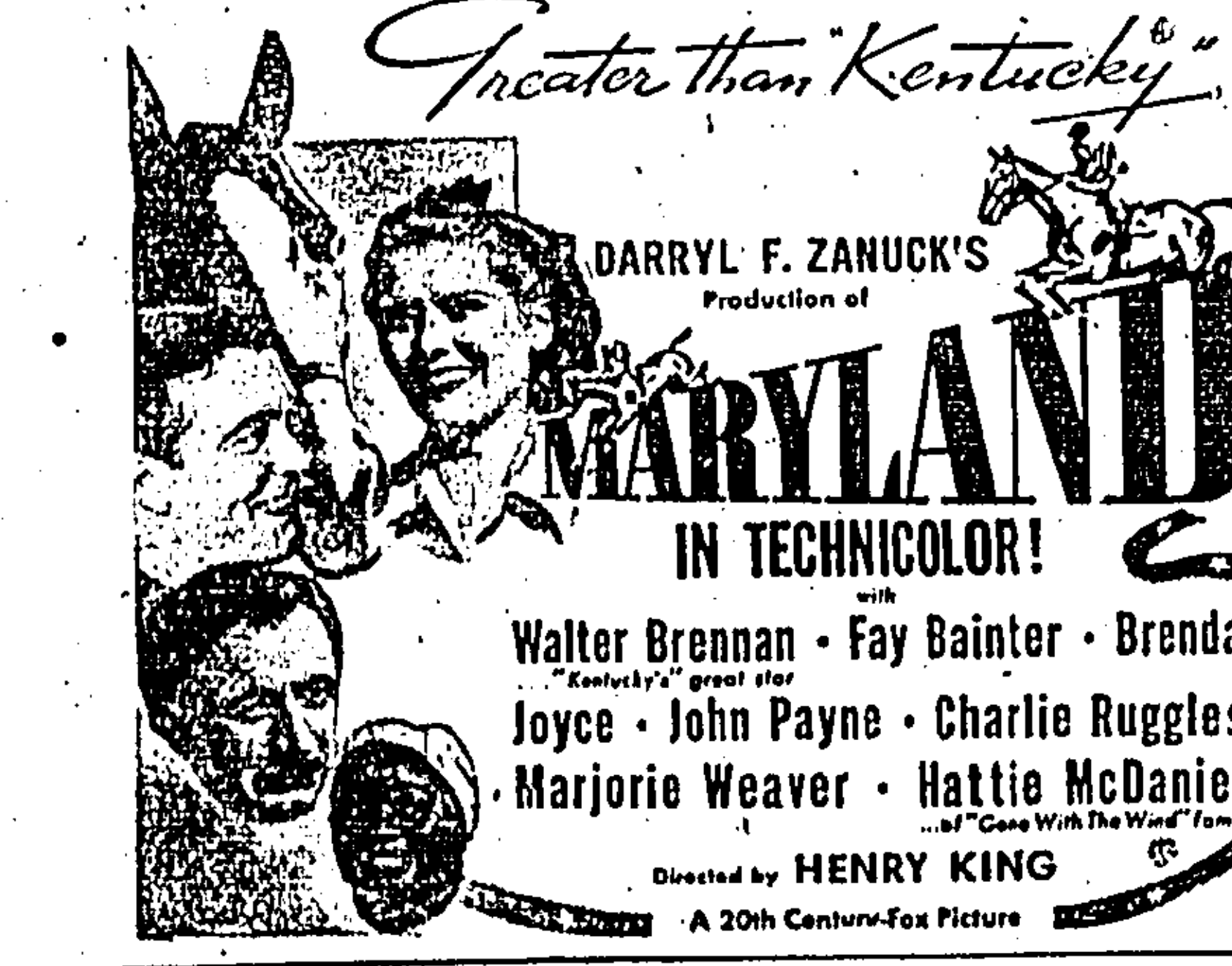
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2.—RACING STAKES.—For China ponies, bona fide Griffins of this Meeting. Winners barred. Jockey allowance. One mile.

974 LAN'S World Fair View 152 lb. (H. C. Poy) 1
975 MARDEN'S Palber 152 lb. (L. B. Chao) 2
976 COLLENE'S Sam's Choice 152 lb. (D. Black) 3

Won by many lengths; a head.
Time—1:50.1.
Part-mutuel.—Winner \$10.20. Places \$5.00; \$3.00; \$1.00.

3.—CHATER CUP.—Presented. For Australian ponies, Griffins of this meeting. From the 1½ mile post (about half mile 170 yards).

970 LAN'S Distant View 152 lb. (H. C. Poy) 1
971 EU TONG MEN'S Fleeting 152 lb. (W. G. Poy) 2
972 LAN'S Misty View 152 lb. (P. P. Deleho) 3

Eight starters.
Won by five lengths; two lengths.
Time—1:51.1.
Part-mutuel.—Winner \$5.40. Places \$3.50; \$2.00; \$1.00.

4.—VICTORIA STAKES.—A Handicap for China ponies. One mile.
987 CHIEF'S Racylight 152 lb. (F. Noodt) 1
988 EVE'S Eve of Harvest 152 lb. (Y. V. Needa) 2
989 CHIEF'S Spiclight 152 lb. (C. H. Muller) 3

Seven starters.
Won by one length; length and half.
Time—1:54.
Part-mutuel.—Winner \$171.20. Places \$13.00; \$6.10; \$3.00.

5.—CANDELEGO HANDICAP.—For Australian subscription ponies classified "C" Class. Jockey allowance. One mile.

994 C. J. GREGORY'S Catterick Bridge 152 lb. (W. G. Poy) 1
103 T.K.L.'s Venus Day 152 lb. (Y. V. Needa) 2
995 E.S.K.'s Cheerful Star 152 lb. (H. L. Tso) 3

16 starters.
Won by half a length; one length.
Time—1:52.3.
Part-mutuel.—Winner \$33.10. Places \$10.00; \$5.50; \$3.00.

6.—ROYAL NAVY CUP.—Presented. For Australian subscription ponies of 1941. Winner of the Garrison Cup barred. Winner of the Governor's Cup 7 lb. penalty. From the two mile post once round and in (about one mile 171 yards).

115 E.E. CHIEF'S Henry Returns 152 lb. (L. B. Chao) 1
116 C.C.F.'s Santa Anita 152 lb. (S. C. Loo) 2
117 LUCKY'S Sydney Lady 152 lb. (H. J. A. Hearne) 3

13 starters.
Won by a length; two lengths.
Time—2:02.2.
Part-mutuel.—Winner \$21.20. Places \$7.00; \$3.50; \$1.50.

7.—CHIEFOO HANDICAP.—For China ponies classified "D" Class. Jockey Allowance. From the two mile post once round and in (about one mile 171 yards).

125 EVE'S Eve of Peace 152 lb. (A. D. Coppin) 1
124 EVE'S Eve of Hunting 152 lb. (W. H. S. Davis) 2
130 RYANTON'S Royal Wedding Eve 152 lb. (M. N. Sakonoff) 3

14 starters.
Won by four lengths; two and half lengths.
Time—2:10.2.
Part-mutuel.—Winner \$13.50. Places \$6.20; \$3.40; \$1.50.

LATE NEWS

GERMAN PRESSMEN REMOVED

The American Association of Foreign Press Correspondents has removed from its rolls two active members mentioned in the Dies Committee "White Paper" on un-American activities and has accepted the resignation as an associate member of Dr. Hans Borchers, German Consul General.

These developments were disclosed recently in the Association's official bulletin.

Feed Kreuzenstein, who had listed himself as correspondent for several Brazilian papers, was expelled. Dr. Herbert Gross, American correspondent for the "Nachrichten fuer Ausenhandel," official organ of the German Ministry of Economics, resigned under fire.

Both had been charged formally with "unprofessional conduct."

Chinese Uses Farm Refuse For Gasoline

A new synthetic gasoline, which eventually may help to solve China's acute transportation problem, has been discovered by Prof. Li Ki-wei, dean of the National Yunnan University. The gas is made of agricultural refuse and by-products.

During experiments Professor Li's fuel showed a serviceability 20 per cent. higher than natural gasoline. It is colourless, after bleaching, and has the same smell and specific gravity as gasoline. It has a lower ignition point, a higher British Thermal Unit, and is devoid of corrosive elements.

Professor Li estimates that his fuel can be produced at a cost of about \$8 or \$10 (Chinese) per gallon, whereas natural gasoline costs \$20 per gallon.

The one real drawback seems to be that the new fuel takes a month to produce. Professor Li is seeking a new method of production which will enable manufacture in less time.

To date the artificial fuel has not been produced commercially, but only in laboratories.

U.S. Rejects Appeal From Vichy

A plea from the French Government at Vichy for the United States to take over part of its gigantic refugee load is understood to have been turned down.

The French wanted the United States to take some of the millions of refugees that have congregated in Unoccupied France and to urge other American nations to do likewise.

In addition to Loyalist refugees from Spain, hordes of Jews forced out of Luxembourg, Belgium, the Netherlands and Germany have crowded into the area and are taxing the limited food supplies.

The U.S. State Department replied to the appeal, submitted through Gaston Henry-Haye, French Ambassador, that the present immigration laws did not allow admission of refugees beyond certain limits. The United States, it was said, is following the policy laid down by the Inter-Governmental Committee on Refugees, which does not ask any country to admit more refugees than their practices and laws admit.

Hint Forwarded

At the same time, the State Department promised to make every effort to relieve pressure of the refugee problem in the country where it exists.

The reply also hinted that one of the first steps to relief would be the release of several thousand persons with American visas now awaiting exit permits in Unoccupied France. Presumably these are persons whom the German Government is not willing to have leave.

Black-out Thieves Sent To Gaol

Mrs Justice Stabile, at Manchester Assizes recently, sentenced two young men to seven years' penal servitude each for housebreaking and thieving offences during air raids. The accused were Frank Edward Gibbons, 22, and Thomas Michael Briggs, 25, described as Army absentees, both of Liverpool.

It was stated that the men waited until the air raid sirens had sounded and people had gone to shelter, and then used a master key to break into the houses to steal whatever was lying around.

ENGINEERING LECTURE

Professor W. Brown of the University will deliver a lecture on Friday, March 14, at 9.15 p.m., to members of the Talkin Club. The subject will be "James Watt."

Il Duce Tells Why Italians Losing

FROM PAGE ONE

ity that it surpasses the German strength;

(7) When Britain is conquered, the war would be finished;

(8) Italy is playing a major role. Her armaments are increasing daily, thanks to the sacrifices of the workers;

(9) Italy is proud of having dared to try her strength against Britain. Peoples become great when they have the courage to take risks;

(10) To conquer the Axis the British Empire must invade the Continent—a step which no Briton would ever dream of.

Mussolini declared: "The intervention of the United States is founded on the illusion of being a democracy and also on lies of an invasion of America is fantastic and ridiculous."

He concluded by declaring that the Fascist Italian people deserve victory and would have it, for they are bearing with exemplary dignity the sacrifices asked of them. "Italy will be the victory, and a peace with justice."

Italian Hired Hands

LONDON, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—Two hundred thousand Italian workers will arrive in Germany during the next few days announced the German radio to-night.

This news was preceded by an announcement of the arrival in Berlin of Signor Capotorti, Chief of the Fascist Labour Confederation.

The radio gave no indication of the nature of the work which the Italian visitors will do in Germany.

Ex-King Alfonso Reported Not Dead

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bassador to Britain, was expected at Lisbon to-day on his way to Rome, according to a Lisbon despatch to the "Havas" agency.

The Duke, an intimate friend of the late ex-King Alfonso, was hurrying to his bedside.

ROME, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—Cardinal Maglione, Papal Secretary of State, visited Alfonso in the afternoon and they talked for some minutes. Alfonso, who received the visitor sitting in an armchair, conversed with perfect lucidity.

Amazing Resistance

ROME, Feb. 23 (UP).—Ex-King Alfonso continues to be in grave condition. Late this afternoon, he received the Spanish Royal Family.

It is revealed that Alfonso listened to Mussolini's speech over the radio.

The Secretary of State at the Vatican, Cardinal Maglione, visited Alfonso and conveyed the Pope's special benediction and personal regards.

The ex-King continued to be in a most critical condition but is amazing the doctors by his resistance.

Third Honeymoon With Second Of Three Wives

Stan Laurel, of Laurel and Hardy, film comedians, is on his third honeymoon with the second of his three wives.

She is Ruth Virginia Laurel. In 1933 she was the second Mrs. Laurel.

She divorced Laurel in 1934, remarried him in 1935, divorced him again in 1937, and remarried him last month after an elopement to Las Vegas (Nevada).

Ruth Virginia was content with five per cent. of his earnings when she applied for alimony.

Laurel pays his first wife, Lois, £340 a month.

Laurel's third wife was Vera Illiana, blonde Russian dancer.

"A Nightmare"

Complaining that his first two wives made "a nightmare" of her marriage, she sought separate maintenance. She asked £375 a month.

Resisting her claim, Laurel said in December, 1938, that, despite a salary of £400 a year, he was practically penniless.

Laurel married his third wife three times—the second time because his first wife said the marriage was not legal, and the third time "just to make sure."

Tunney Is Physical Director Of Airmen

James J. Tunney, former heavy weight champion and once a private in the Marine Corps, was commissioned recently as a Lieutenant Commander in the U.S. Naval Reserve.

He was ordered immediately to active duty as physical director and co-ordinator of physical education at Pensacola and Jacksonville, Fla., and Corpus Christi.

BIRTH

CARROLL.—At the Queen Mary Hospital, on February 24, to Denise (nee Thomas), wife of R. A. Carroll—a son. Both well.

DEATH

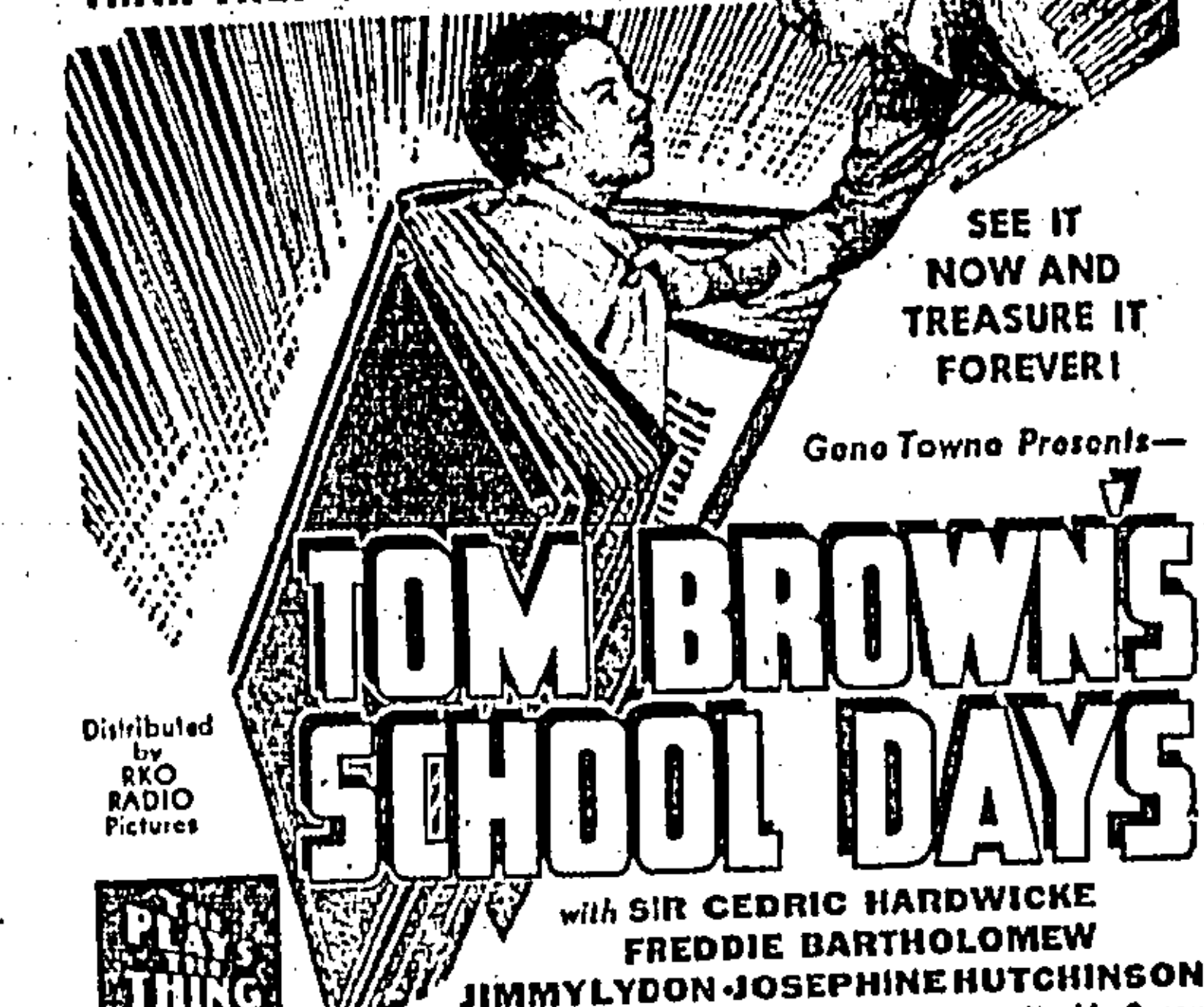
ROZARIO.—At the St Teresa's Hospital, on Sunday, February 23, 1941, at 10.15 a.m. Laurence Augusto do Rozario (Encho), aged 84, late of Messrs Noronha & Co. Funeral will leave Anderson's Funeral Parlour at 2.10 p.m., passing the Monument at 2.30 p.m. on Monday, February 24, 1941.

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STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued Saturday says:

The feature of the market to-day was a sharp rise in Electrics, as a result of the announcement made yesterday of a new issue of shares and a declaration of dividend.

Sellers

H.K. Govt. 3½% Loan (1934) 95

Hotels \$3.60

Trams \$17.75

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H.K. Govt. 3½% Loan (1934) 94.25

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Providents \$5.75

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An exhibition of Chinese paintings by Mr Fong Yan-ling and several members of the Reform Club is being held on the second floor of St Francis Hotel. The exhibition, which opened on Saturday, will be concluded at 8 o'clock this evening. Admission is free.

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IL DUCE - APOLOGIST: TELLS ITALIANS WHY COUNTRY IS LOSING

LONDON, FEB. 23 (REUTER).—THE DIFFICULTIES OF THE FIGHT IN WHICH ITALY IS ENGAGED "NOT ONLY IN THE MEDITERRANEAN BUT ABOVE ALL ON THE WIDELY SEPARATED FRONTS OF THE WAR AGAINST BRITISH WORLD POWER" WERE EXPLAINED BY MUSSOLINI TO-DAY IN A SPEECH FROM ROME ADDRESSED TO THE "ITALIAN PEOPLE AND THE WORLD."

London Is Not Very Impressed

Analysis Of Duce's
Speech

LONDON, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—While official London comment on Mussolini's speech is not available, defensive character of the speech is regarded as noteworthy in authoritative quarters.

The statement that Italy has been at war since 1935 or 1922 is, it is pointed out, clearly designed to counter criticism against Il Duce and the Fascists that they had led the country needlessly into war in June, 1940.

Il Duce held out no prospect that Italy's position would improve by her own efforts but hope was pinned on German assistance and strength. Il Duce admitted that there was no hope of reinforcing Italian East Africa and acknowledged the immense industrial potential of the United States.

Losses Compared

As regards Il Duce's claim of heavy losses inflicted on the British in the first four months of Italy's war, the facts are that during that period, Italy lost 278 planes, the 87 believed destroyed, while Britain lost 35 only. Italy lost the cruiser Bartolomeo Colleoni, five destroyers and 21 submarines while Britain lost the light cruiser Calypso, and a total of ten destroyers and submarine, and a great part of both of these were very likely lost through German action rather than in the Mediterranean. It is noted that Mussolini is now trying to justify the Greek war as an unfortunate military necessity, indicating the degree of disquiet the Greek disasters have caused in Italy and currency of the reports of division of opinion between him and the Army.

German Comment

BERLIN, Feb. 23 (UP).—German authorized quarters declared that Mussolini's speech ended all claims of German-Italian dissension. "It has shown again the firm solidarity of the Axis in this life and death struggle," they declared. "All those who believed the British allegations regarding the Italian readiness for a separate peace will now be disappointed, and realize there is no hope for it. The speech revealed again the Axis determination that Europe and the Continent must finally be cleansed of British influence."

Colony's Trade Decreases By Million Pounds in Jan.

According to an official report released for publication by the Superintendent of Imports and Exports, the combined values of the Colony's imports and exports of merchandise as declared during the month of January, 1941, totalled \$112.9 millions (\$7.0 millions) as compared with \$131.6 millions (\$8.1 millions) in January, 1940.

In terms of local currency the total visible trade of the Colony decreased by 14.2% in January, 1941 as compared with January, 1940; and by 18.6% in terms of sterling.

Imports of merchandise in January, 1941 totalled \$60.1 millions (£3.7 millions) as compared with \$69.7 millions (£4.3 millions) in January, 1940, and exports \$52.9 millions (£3.3 millions) as compared with \$61.9 millions (£4.0 millions) in January, 1940.

Il Duce expressed his complete conviction that the struggle would come to a "victorious conclusion," declaring that it was the will of Fascist Italy.

Mussolini, who was speaking at a meeting of the Dascio di Combattimenti del Urbe, declared that he had come to break the silence which was "dear to him, especially in time of war." Italy, he said, had been at war not eight months but six years, namely since January 3, 1935.

Alluding to General Franco's appeal at the time of the Spanish Civil War, Il Duce said: "We could not turn a deaf ear. It was our duty to go to his help." He proceeded, "Really we have been at war since October 28, 1922, when we rose against the plutocratic, masonic and capitalist world. In September, 1939, we were on the eve of war. We could not wait to be entirely ready, for history seized by the throat."

"Italy immobilised immense enemy forces and so assisted the Germans to win their brilliant victories."

"After France, there remained enemy No. 1 against whom we shall fight to the last drop of our blood. Italy has always had to engage in distant and difficult wars." Referring to Libya as "a most important strategic point," Mussolini stated that between October 1, 1937, and January 31, 1941, more than 14,000 officers and 350,000 men, comprising two armies—the Fifth and the Tenth—were sent to Libya, and also 1,900 guns of all calibres, and the most recent type, more than 15,300 machine guns, 11,000,000 artillery shells, more than 1,000,000,000 rounds of ammunition for automatic weapons, 24,000 tons of clothing and 750 armoured cars.

"These figures show that careful preparations were made. The soldiers who are fighting in the Empire without hope of reinforcement are those who are furthest away but nearest to our hearts."

Italy Forestalled!

The battle which started on December 9 and brought the enemy to Benghazi "forestalled us by a few days." Mussolini added: "We do not lie like the hypocritical British. We resisted strongly, sometimes furiously. We shall always tell the truth. We shall repudiate every falsehood. The events of the past months have only sharpened our hatred."

Referring to Greece as "the last British rampart in the Balkans," Mussolini said that Greece would not renounce the British guarantee. It was necessary to face up to her and on this point there was absolute agreement in all responsible military quarters.

Mussolini described the Italian soldiers in Albania as "superb, writing the pages of legendary glory," and declared that Greek losses were very high. He said that spring would come soon and with it the Italians' turn.

Italo-Nazi Co-operation

He declared that the British losses were also heavy and ridiculed the statement that the British lost only 2,000 men. He added: "Since war, the course of the war has been unfavourable to us but our

Britain And U. S. Warned Outspoken Editorial By Newspaper

TOKYO, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—Attacking the British and American moves to strengthen their defences in the Pacific as an "unwarrantable challenge," the "Nichi Nichi," an outspoken editorial warns that Singapore and Guam would be "brushed aside" by Japan should she be compelled to rise by Britain and America.

The Japanese people would like to advise Britain and America to cease these preparations, and adds that the strengthening of the defences around Singapore "under the very nose of Japan would serve no purpose, but would stimulate Japan's peaceful southward policy needless."

France May Regain Territory

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
VICHY, Feb. 23 (UP).—It is reliably reported that France may regain the Riviera and Alpine territories which Italy has occupied since the armistice, by allowing 80,000 Italians in North Africa to flee into French Tunisia.

Negotiations are said to be under way for a mass evacuation in the event of British troops continuing westward to Tripoli.

Thai-Indo-China Armistice

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
SAIGON, Feb. 24 (UP).—It is authoritatively announced that the Thai-Indo-China armistice will be extended until March 7.

BIG GREEK SUCCESS Take Hundreds Of Prisoners

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
ATHENS, Feb. 23 (UP).—The Government spokesman revealed that the Greeks had made seven successful attacks last week, occupying strong enemy positions and taking 1,272 prisoners including 30 officers. They repulsed 16 counter-attacks and shot down six Italian planes.

He asserted that during the past 24 hours there was "minor successful patrolling" in which two Italian tanks were destroyed by artillery.

Sharply Attacking (BY "REUTER" ON THE ALBANIAN FRONTIER)

Feb. 23.—The Greeks are attacking sharply to-day in the Skumbi and Devoli River valleys, south-east of El Bassan.

On the extreme right, activity was confined to artillery duels.

Air activity was more marked, especially by Italian planes which attacked Greek positions and communications.

At mid-day, four Savoia Marchetti bombers the neighbourhood of the Florina frontier area in Greek Macedonia, far behind the battlefield.

Big Sweep Sales Total 1,000,000

The Rooty-Hill \$1 Sweepstake sales reached precisely the 1,000,000 mark before the sweepstake closed at noon to-day. It is announced, that unless there is a dead heat, the prizes will be as follows:
1st \$207,000
2nd \$113,000
3rd \$56,800
Unplaced ponies and non-starters \$2,253.97 each.
The total prize monies for distribution amounts to \$710,000. Commission totals \$100,000 which will be divided between China War Relief and British War Funds, while tax amounts to \$100,000.

Ex-King Alfonso Reported Not Dead

Latest Rome Message

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
It is believed that the ex-King Alfonso of Spain is still alive. According to a "United Press" message from Rome, received in Hongkong this morning, the ex-king was alive at 8.30 last night. This was revealed in an official bulletin which declared that Alfonso's condition "continued to be grave."

Earlier, it was intimated that members of the Spanish royal family had revealed that Alfonso listened to the radio version of Mussolini's speech.

A Buenos Aires message says that the Spanish Embassy lowered their flag to halfmast when a member of the Consulate staff reported that Alfonso was dead, but a re-check brought a reply from both the Embassy and Consulate staffs that nothing was known about the ex-king's death, although it was expected.

They also declined to explain why the flag was put at halfmast.

Rushes To Bedside
VICHY, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—The Duke of Alba, Spanish Ambassador, returned to Back Page, Column 5

Turkey Stands By Foreign Policy

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
ISTANBUL, Feb. 23 (UP).—The Foreign Minister, M. Sarajoglu, in a statement published in the semi-official Ankara newspaper "Ulus," said that the Turkish-Bulgarian declaration in no way altered Turkey's foreign policy and that Turkey will honour all her obligations and defend herself if attacked.

Invasion Ports Bombed

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
AT A SOUTHEAST COAST TOWN, Feb. 23 (UP).—The R.A.F. began an attack on the French coast from Bologna to Calais beginning about 8 p.m. and were still bombing at 11 p.m.

Through the sea haze, big flashes could be seen high in the sky from the English side, indicating that very large bombs are being used.

The planes attacked the Boulogne district first and then extended up the coast towards Calais where shortly before 2 p.m. three exceptional vivid flashes were seen—possibly munitions dumps were hit.

LONDON, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—The Admiralty announces that the trawler Ormonde has been sunk.

United Express Leads All Way To Win Big Derby

Leading all the way, United Express, owned by the Neean stable, with Ip Kui-ying in the saddle, won the Rooty-Hill Derby this afternoon in comfortable style by a length and a half. The time was 2 mins. 49 secs. which was 7 1/5 seconds outside of the record established by Far View.

Mrs Chuong's Endeavour (C. B. Moller) finished second, half a length in front of S. W. Lee's Jus Gentium (M.M. Sokoloff).

Describing the race, our course correspondent says that Surprising Time was left at the starting post and did not run in the race.

United Express went into an immediate lead and passing the stands for the first time was leading Manhattan, Vitamin M and Endeavour.

Endeavour then moved up to second place, and passing The Rose for the second time, the placings were United Express, Endeavour, and Manhattan.

In the home stretch Jus Gentium came up from behind to steal third place, with Endeavour shaking off a strong challenge for second position. United Express was a comfortable winner and was never seriously challenged.

Big Sweep Winners
The huge sweepstake on this race resulted as follows:
No. 538127 wins \$397,600.
No. 706719 wins \$113,600.
No. 852819 wins \$56,800.
All other numbers win \$2,253.97 each.

Unplaced Ponies and Non-Starters

PNIES	TICKET NUMBERS
A Fine Time	570488
Amulet Star	567424
Angel of Glory	18874
Anzac Day	52752
Araxy II	211859
Archber	278866
A Surprising Time	926716
Baggage Master	292069
Battle	193126
Bendmeier	270572
Bendigo	501430
Black Seal	100367
Bona Vacantia	637201
Buckfastleigh	164778
Casino	610434
Castle Hill	511159
Corriedoo	825255
Corsair	123731
Corvette	443247
Daxlight	305603
Dignitas	858245
Double Dutch	795412
Dutch Treat	457631
Hawaiian Love	958340
Hole in One	91082
Joan	724617
Jungle Love	949076
King's Flight	513051
Leading Star	710514
Lex Fort	37980
Lodestar	70663
Lookout	440407
Maey	127020
Mainsail	359084
Manhattan	786034
Moonlight	261672
National Welfare	857280
Never-Never	700795
Newborn Star	628338
Newmarket Day	785454
Ogle	109047
Optima Fide	358418
Red Rabbit	611399
Riverbidge	877014
Royal Sovereign	835854
Santa-Anita	512954
Saratoga	512954
Seal River	566772
Snow White	892862
Starlight View	36428
Strathalbyn	145322
Sunspot	304577
Swallow	917730
Sydney Diamond	249125
Sydney Lady	701203
The Hawk	728260
Tobaccochip	647224
Trade Wind	727200
Twinkling Star	184129
Vicar	202733
Vitamin M	621574
Willow	650104
Zanderday	554625

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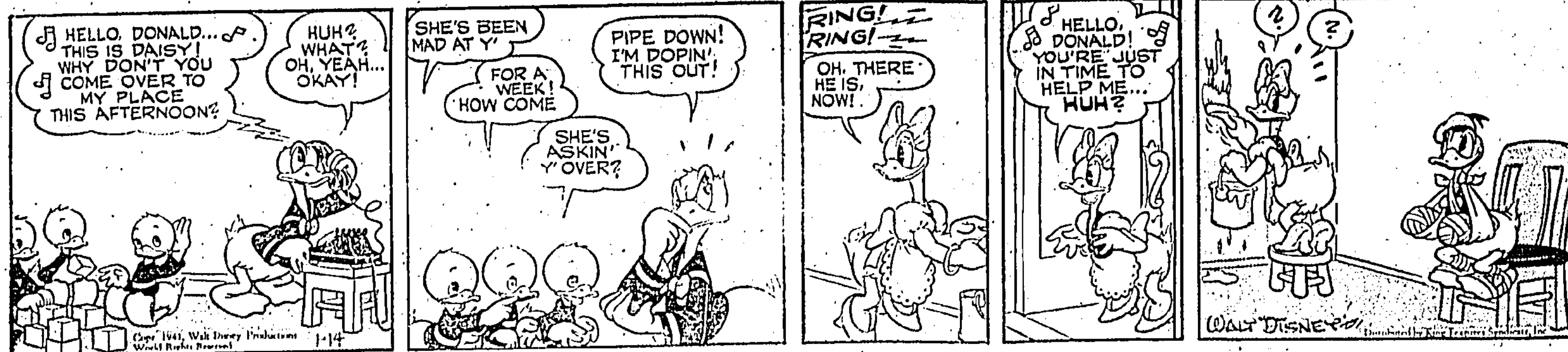
British Subs. Sink 8 Italian Transports

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Feb. 23 (UP).—An Admiralty communique announces that six British submarines recently sank eight Italian supply ships in the Mediterranean, while a ninth was hit by shells.

The Triton which was later sunk, sank two, the Truant, one, the Upholder, two, including two 8,000 ton vessels, and the Rover, Regent and Utmost, one each.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the TWENTY SECOND ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of this Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company No. 10, Des Voeux Road Central, on Saturday, the 8th March, 1941, at 2.00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1940.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from Saturday, 1st March, 1941, to Saturday, 8th March, 1941, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
KAN TONG PO,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 20th February, 1941.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Fifty-second Ordinary Yearly Meeting will be held at the Company's Registered Office, 4th Floor, P. & O. Building, on Thursday, 20th March, 1941, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1940 and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 8th March to 20th March, 1941, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By order of the Board of Directors

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Hong Kong, 21st February, 1941.

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BANK HOLIDAY

The Exchange Banks will open at 9.30 a.m. and will close at 12 noon for the transaction of exchange business on Tuesday, the 25th February, 1941. (Race Meeting).

Hongkong, 22nd February, 1941.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FORTY-THIRD ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF THIS COMPANY will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Friday, the 28th February, 1941, at 11.00 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1940.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Wednesday, the 19th February, 1941, to Friday, the 28th February, 1941, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,
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Hongkong, 12th February, 1941.

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Exchange At A Glance

SELLING

T.T. London	1/2 3/4
Demani London	1/2 3/4
T.T. Shanghai	420
T.T. Singapore	52 1/2
T.T. Japan	102 1/2
T.T. India	82 1/2
T.T. U.S.A.	24
T.T. Manila	48
T.T. Batavia	45
T.T. Bangkok	14 1/2
T.T. Saigon	104
T.T. France	Nom.
T.T. Switzerland	102
T.T. Australia	1/6 1/2

BUYING

4 m/s L/C London	1/3 1/2
4 m/s D/P London	1/3 1/2
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	24 1/2
4 m/s France	24 1/2
30 d/s India	84 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.02 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	4.03 1/2

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS

H.K. Banks \$ c.d.	1,400 n.
H.K. Banks £ x.d.	73 n.
H.K. Banks (H.K.) £ x.d.	76 n.
Chartered £	7 1/2 n.
Mercantile, A. & B. £	23 n.
Mercantile, C. £	11 1/2 n.
East Asia £	76 1/2 n.

INSURANCES

Cantons \$	215 b.
Union \$	411 b.
China Underwriters \$	1 n.
H.K. Fire \$	170 b.

SHIPPING

Douglas \$	135 n.
Steamboats \$	100 n.
Indo-China D. \$	60 n.
Shell (Bearers) \$	40 1/2 n.
Waterboats \$	7 n.

DOCKS ETC.

Wharves \$	98 n.
Docks (old) \$	17.00 n.
Docks (new) \$	17 n.
Providents \$	53 1/2 n.
Shai Dockyards \$	25 n.

MINING

Kallan \$	18 n.
Raubas \$	8 n.
H.K. Mines	1 1/4 cts. n.

LANDS

Hotel \$	3.60 s.
Lands \$	33 1/4 s.
Lands 4% Debentures	0 7 1/2 b.
Shai Lands Sh.	11.00 n.
Imperial \$	7.05 n.
H.K. Realities \$	2.40 s.
Chinese Estates \$	0.8 n.

UTILITIES

Trams	17 1/4 s.
Peaks Trams (old) \$	7 1/2 n.
Peak Trams (new) \$	3 1/2 n.
Star Ferries \$	57 n.
Y. Ferries \$	24 1/2 n.
China Lights (old)	0 1/4 s.
China Lights (new)	1.07 1/2 s.
H.K. Electric (old) \$	42 1/2 s.
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Macao Electric (old)	17 1/4 n.
Macao Electric (new) \$	16 1/4 n.
Sandakan Lights \$	12 n.
Telephones (old) \$	24 1/2 n.
Telephones (new) \$	10.20 n.

INDUSTRIALS

Cold: Macg. (Ord.) Sh.	30 n.
Cold: Macg. (Pref.) Sh.	25 n.
Canton Ice \$	25 n.
Cement \$	17 1/4 n.
H.K. Ropes \$	8 1/2 n.

STORES, &c.

Dairy Farms \$	19.20 n.
Watsons \$	10.05 n.
Lane Crawford \$	7 1/4 n.
Sinceres \$	2.15 n.
Wing On (H.K.) \$	39 n.
Powell Ltd. \$	1.00 n.

EVO SH. &c.

Evo Sh. \$	43 1/4 n.
Shai Cotton Sh. \$	200 n.

MISC.

H.K. Govt 4%	0.07 n.
H.K. Govt 3 1/2% (1934)	0.05 s.
H.K. Govt 3 1/2% (1940)	0.04 n.
Ch. Govt 5% 1925 G.S.Bds.	42 1/4 n.
H.K. Entertainments \$	7 n.
Constructions (old) \$	1.60 n.
Constructions (new) \$	1 n.
Vibro Piling \$	7.70 n.
Marsmans Inv. (Lon.) \$	0.6/3 n.
Marsmans Inv. (H.K.) \$	0.2/0 n.

Soviet Denies Influence

MOSCOW, Feb. 23 (Reuters).—The "Tass" agency is authorized to deny that Russia had anything to do with the signing of the Turco-Bulgarian Pact as reported by a Swiss newspaper.

RADIO

ZBW, 355 metres (845 k.c.) and 3145 metres (9520 kilo-cycles)

"Hi, Gang!" and Other London Relays

Radio Programme Broadcast by ZBW on a Frequency of 845 k.c.s. and on Short Wave from 1-2.15 p.m. and 8-11 p.m. on 9.52 m.c.s. per second.

H.K.T.

12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 Selections from Verdi's Opera.

1.0 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Dance Music by Ambrose and His Orchestra.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.35 Rale Da Costa at the Piano.

1.55 Hawaiian Vocal Selections.

2.15 Close down.

5.45 Indian Programmes.

6.30 Closing local Spot Quotations.

6.32 Musical Comedy Selections.

Swing Along—Selection... Derby Somers Band with Vocal Chorus; Comedyland... Columbia Light Opera Company with Orchestra; Conversation Piece—Selection; My Weakness—Selection; Patricia Rossborough (Piano); It's Love Again—Selection; Queen of Hearts—Selection; Sydney Kite and His Piccadilly Hotel Band with Vocal Chorus.

7.0 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—A Talk.

7.30 Grief—Peer Gynt Suite, No. 2, Op. 65.

Ingold's Lament—Arabian Dance—The Return of Peer Gynt—Solveig's Song... New Light Symphony Orchestra conducted by Eugene Goossens.

7.45 Studio—An appeal for Volunteers for the Police Reserve by the Hon. Mr. C. G. Perceval, Acting Commissioner of Police.

7.50 Grief—Elegiac Melodies, Op. 31.

London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Eugene Goossens.

8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 "This week's programmes.

8.07 Tanquerai.

Do You Like Dancing? (Rosen); Night of Love Divine (Dostal); Dajos Bela Dance Orchestra.

8.15 London Relay—"Hi Gang!"

9.0 London Relay—The News.

9.15 London Relay—"Questions of the Hour."

10.0 Close down.

11.0 Close down.

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Hongkong News of the Week

A Page For The Evacuees

Monday

February 17

Farewell to Colleagues. Mr R. H. Marks, Assistant Superintendent of Police, and Inspector S. Shephard, who are due to leave for Australia on retirement shortly, were given a farewell party at the Police Recreation Club to-night.

Inspector Post, Chairman of the Club, called on the Police Commissioner, Hon. Mr. C. G. Perdue, to present mementoes to the guests.

The evening was marked by a most successful concert, the artists being mainly members of the Force. Among those who contributed items were Mr. Marks, Mr. A. Spary, Cpl. Edwards, Sgt. Reynolds, Sgt. Billingham, Sgt. Jenner, Sgt. Rennie, P. O. Edge, Sgt. Hayward, Sgt. Renfold, Mr. Doherty and the Great Murvill. Mr. M. who, assisted by Sgt. Rennie, entertained the gathering with an exhibition of his own high standard.

Master of Ceremonies for the night was Sgt. Billingham.

Big Increase in Dysentery. The heavy increase in the number of cases of dysentery reported in the Colony last week, attributed by the authorities to bad food plus improper cooking, due to the prohibitive cost of firewood is understood.

According to the returns of the Medical Department, the number of cases of dysentery on Thursday was 23, compared with only two the previous day, and the figure for Friday was 12.

It was stated to-day that at present the price of firewood is about the same as that of rice before the war. At that time one dollar would buy 20 catties of rice, while in the Colony at present one dollar buys only 22 catties of firewood.

Hainan Report. Chinese reports say that Japanese naval bases in Hainan Island have just been completed after twenty months of work. They are Yulingkang in the south, Chingnamkang in the east, and Hsin-ping-kang in the west. These include aerodromes, hangars, work shops and oil installations. Some of the barracks have been modernised.

Repeating his Worship said that he regretted having to leave the Court but circumstances did not allow him to remain. He expressed thanks to barristers and solicitors for their kind help in the past and for their good wishes.

Mother Mary Motta.—The death occurred at 3 a.m. to-day of Mother Mary Motta, at the age of 38. She passed away at St. Francis Hospital, Wanchai, after a long illness.

Mother Motta was a member of the Staff of St. Mary's School, and had been in the Colony for ten years. She was held in the greatest affection by all who knew her.

Successful A.R.P. Test.—Testing of the duct ventilation system in the A.R.P. tunnels opposite the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Building, this morning was very satisfactory, but the tests could not be completed owing to a misunderstanding with the cooles.

"The system of ventilation worked very well indeed," said Mr B. H. Puckle, Deputy Director of A.R.P., and very good results were recorded, but the objects of the tests were to compare two different methods of ventilation. We cannot say which is the best until we have carried out the second test. A certain number of Europeans were in the worst part of the tunnel, and appeared none the worse after the test."

About 1,500 cooles were used in the test, which lasted about two and a half hours. The exhaust fan system of ventilation will be tested to-morrow.

Farewell Presentation.—Colleagues and friends of Inspector Sidney Shephard, Divisional Inspector, South, presented him with a silver model of a junk and a gold Rolex watch at the Water Police Station, as a memento on the occasion of his retirement from the Hongkong Police Force after 20 years' service.

The presentation was made by Sub-Inspector Oliver, the new officer in charge, Water Police, and Inspector Shephard expressed a few words of appreciation and thanks.

A native of Acton, Inspector Shephard saw service with the Goldstream Guards in the last war. He was demobilised in 1920, and in October of that year joined the Hongkong Police.

Lawn Bowls.—Playing on Kowloon Cricket Club's green to-day, the home team were beaten in a friendly return game of lawn bowls by a team from Lane Crawford, 54-47. Scores were:

S. Carr, G. Tanner, A. B. Hanson, and E. C. Fletcher (L.C.) beat H. Brokenshire, S. A. Gray, R. B. Wellwood and J. Fraser 19-15.

H. Burton, T. H. Edgar, H. W. Randall and A. W. Brown (L.C.) lost to A. E. P. Guest, R. G. Burch, A. Steven and V. C. Labrum 10-20.

W. C. Ogley, J. W. Bertram, J. H. S. Duncan and W. W. Parson (L.C.) beat D. Hing, F. Zimmern, L. Jack and T. A. Madar 10-12.

to accommodate German technical experts and military advisers.

All the buses are improvised constructions, as military experts here pointed out that no big naval base can be constructed in two years. This view taken into consideration Japanese shortage of war materials, steel and iron and the distance between Japan and Hainan. The docks there are large enough to accommodate destroyers and light cruisers and are fit for minor repairs and overhauling.

While Chinese reports state that the Japanese strength on the island has been increased to 100,000, this is believed to be an exaggeration. The latest report states that there were one division and one brigade there, aggregating about 30,000 officers and men at most. These soldiers are being taught to become paratroopers, instructed by the German experts.

Golf. The finals of the Stubbs Shield and G. M. Young Cup were played recently and resulted as follows:

Stubbs Shield.—P.W.D. (D. S. Edwards 4 and C. W. E. Bishop 13) beat 5th A.A. Regt. R.A. (T. A. Pearce 3 and J. D. Clague 8) by one hole.

G. M. Young Cup.—Hongkong and Shanghai Bank beat Butterfield and Swire.

In the second competition for the S. C. M. Post Bomber Fund, Major K. S. Simpson (20) and Capt. A. C. F. Drew Wilkinson (15) tied with scores of 53. They will play off.

There were 243 entries.

Badminton. University A defeated Recreation 9-0, in the A division of the badminton league to-night.

T. K. Hui and H. E. Chiu beat M. A. Oliveira and A. M. Rodrigues 21-12; beat J. J. Remedios and H. F. Goncalves 21-7; beat L. A. Carvalho and A. M. Silva 23-22.

K. W. Choy and C. K. Lee beat Remedios and Goncalves 21-12; beat Carvalho and Silva 21-1.

M. S. Lim and S. F. Yung beat Oliveira and Rodrigues 21-10; Remedios and Goncalves 21-2; beat Carvalho and Silva 21-10.

Golf Results. The following were the third round results in the Royal Hongkong Golf Club Captain's Cup, 1940 competition:

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The funeral will take place to-day at the Roman Catholic Cemetery, passing the Monument at 5 p.m.

Wedding. Mr. Harold Julius Alexander Rohrbach, who is well-known throughout the Far East as representative of Horlicks Ltd., was married at the Registry to-day by Special Licence to Mrs. Jean Russ Finch (widow) of Shanghai.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. Harold Julius Rohrbach, merchant, and the bride is the daughter of the late Mr. Robert Edwin Hemmings.

Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, Registrar, officiated, and Messrs R. M. Blake and A. S. Hill acted as witnesses.

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The team will probably sail at the end of April or early in May and is expected to be on tour for about three months.

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Firewood is obtainable from Singapore and Sandakan, and it was learned that steps have already been undertaken to facilitate shipments from the former port. On Saturday 1,000 tons of wood from Singapore and Penang was discharged here, and information indicates that another 10,000 piculs is due shortly.

The Sino-Japanese conflict has affected shipments of wood cargo to Hongkong from several centres in China, and has also resulted in the stoppage of supplies from Wuchow which previously sent to Hongkong.

Most of the wood needed here.

Review Of

The Principal Topics

February 16 To Feb. 22

Wednesday

February 19

Record Prices For Firewood. The price of firewood has further increased, and to-day only 17 catties could be bought for a dollar. On Monday the price fluctuated between 18 and 19 catties, while no change was recorded on Tuesday.

It is understood that Government is importing firewood in order to relieve the acute situation, and that a shipment is expected to arrive within the next week.

To-day's quotation constituted a record in the price of this essential fuel.

Firewood from old railway sleepers is being offered for sale in many shops in Hongkong and Kowloon. The sleepers are approximately 5 1/2 feet by one foot, and weigh about 22 to 23 catties. They are cut up in convenient lengths and sold at 22 catties to the dollar.

These sleepers, which number hundreds of thousands were originally ordered by the Chinese Government for extension of their railway line in the interior, but owing to disruption of transport by the Japanese invasion, they had been stored in Hongkong since their arrival here two years ago.

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Thursday

February 20

Budget Debate. Outspoken criticism of Government Administration in general and the conduct of several departments in particular were made by Unofficial Members of the Legislative Council to-day when a debate on the Budget introduced by the Financial Secretary (the Hon. Mr. H. R. Datters) on January 16 was held.

His Excellency the Acting Governor, Lieut-General E. F. Norton, was unable to preside at the meeting owing to an injury sustained while walking in the country on the previous day, and his place was taken by the Colonial Secretary (the Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith).

The Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson, Senior Unofficial Member, asked how not one Civil Servant was ever dismissed for inefficiency, although the conduct of some of Government's affairs was bad. Referring to the education, he said that all three parties to it had behaved badly—the Colonial Government, the Home Government and some of the evacuees, who continued to complain.

The need for the overhauling of the Government system was stressed by the Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell, who emphasised the extreme seriousness of the many adverse reports and complaints which far too many members of the public had brought. On the question of taxation, he said that, compared with Home, the Colony was ridiculously "lightly" taxed, but he was not in favour of increasing taxation on the low level incomes in view of the excessive rise in the cost of living.

A strong attack against the administration of the War Revenue Ordinance, the Immigration Office and the Food Controller was made by the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, who appealed for more civility by civil servants in the performance of their duties. He also criticised the proposed revision of the principles under which war taxation was based, pointing out that it was fundamentally opposed to that taken up by Government when the Bill was introduced.

Perhaps the most outspoken comment against the Government came from the Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almeida, Jr., who urged it to emulate the dictators in one regard, and that was to take measures to purge its ranks. The Hon. Mr. D'Almeida also spoke of racial distinction in Government employment, and said that if the laws were not so strict the correspondence columns of the newspapers would be full of the most interesting disclosures and revelations.

The Hon. Mr. A. L. Shields expressed grave concern at the estimated deficit and urged that a tight rein be kept on expenditure by Government Departments on their pet schemes, which might endanger the solvency of the Colony. On the question of providing vessels for the Admiralty, he suggested the construction of freighters because they would be in demand long after the war is over.

More serious and strenuous efforts to stamp out crime and vice were urged by the Hon. Mr. W. N. Thomas, who said that Government owed it to the innocent and law-abiding to remove from them a constant fear of a growing concern for lawlessness and insecurity.

The Hon. Mr. T. E. Pearce expressed disappointment at the poor return of the Business Profit Tax, and voiced the hope that independent Committees of enquiry would soon be instituted to make close scrutiny into the running of several important Government Departments.

The practice of Government in keeping a surplus was criticised by the Hon. Mr. Li Tse-fung, who said that the method was medieval and urged that the balances be used for war expenditure.

In his reply, the Financial Secretary said that he had never viewed the expenditure programme as ideal but submitted that it was necessary. There was no oppressive taxation in the Colony, which was at present enjoying an unprecedented prosperity in spite of the high cost of living, and he argued that none of the new taxation proposed was oppressive.

The President disclosed that Government had decided to appoint a strong Committee to enquire into the various allegations which had recently been made against the Immigration Officer and his staff, that the Food Control organisation had been under very severe criticism, and that, as regards the supply of firewood, a representative had been sent to Manila, Borneo and Malaya to enquire into this vital necessity there. The first shipment of firewood from Sandakan was expected shortly.

New ship launched. Designed specifically to carry timber and firewood, the 4,200-ton motor vessel Hui Sang, built at Kowloon Dock for the Indo-China Steam Navigation Co. Ltd., was launched to-day. The vessel was launched by Lady Grayburn, wife of Sir Vandeul Grayburn, Chief Manager of the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation.

A large gathering saw the ship smartly into the water at 4 p.m. after Lady Grayburn had broken the traditional bottle of champagne over her bow. About 250 guests then gathered to honour the customary toasts.

Friday

February 21

Ladies Hockey Association. As the Hongkong Ladies Hockey Association had never left so secure financially, the Chairman expressed the opinion, at the annual meeting to-night, that this was the time for a generous gesture on their part, and suggested that \$400 be donated to the South China Morning Post Bomber Fund. The proposal was carried unanimously.

The meeting was under the chairmanship of Miss E. M. Gray, who said: Six teams competed in the senior league, Y.M.C.A. winning the Car Clarke Cup for the fourth year in succession. Special mention should be made of the Argonauts, who, in their first year of competitive hockey won both the Brawn and Knill Cups.

The annual seven-a-side tournament resulted in the Pearce Cup being won by C. A. and the Knill Cup by Argonauts. Special mention should be made of the Argonauts, who, in their first year of competitive hockey won both the Brawn and Knill Cups.

Miss Gray explained how it was she was taking the Chair although she was not on the Council. With the resignation of Mrs. T. E. Pearce, the office of President had been left vacant, and she had been asked to act for the remaining portion of the season.

The accounts showed a healthy balance, with cash in bank amounting to \$1,455.91.

Officers Elected. Miss Gray proposed that the office of President be left vacant until conditions were more normal. The proposal was passed unanimously.

Officers elected were: Vice-President, Miss E. M. Gray; Secretary and Treasurer, Miss R. Smith; Council—Misses M. Remedios, A. Alves (Recreation), Mrs. O. Burnett, Miss M. McCaw (Y.M.C.A.), Misses M. Smalley, M. Booker (Hongkong); Mrs. I. Joyce, Miss P. Baxter (C.B.A.); Misses F. Wong, G. White (St. Andrew's); Misses E. Churn, V. Jex (D.G.S.); Mrs. C. Figueroa, Miss M. Maxwell (Argonauts).

It was decided to let the Car Clarke Cup competition lapse this year, but to continue the seven-a-side tournament. In these games the one Club that did not have seven players (Y.M.C.A.) would be adopted by other clubs. The Chairman also proposed that the Tournament be used to raise money for the Bomber Fund.

It was decided that clubs contribute their usual annual subscriptions for membership fees.

The question of the safety of the Association's challenge cups was discussed and it was decided that the cups be stored with the shield, in the bank.

It was decided that the Association should compete for the Pearce Cup and Knill Cup this year.

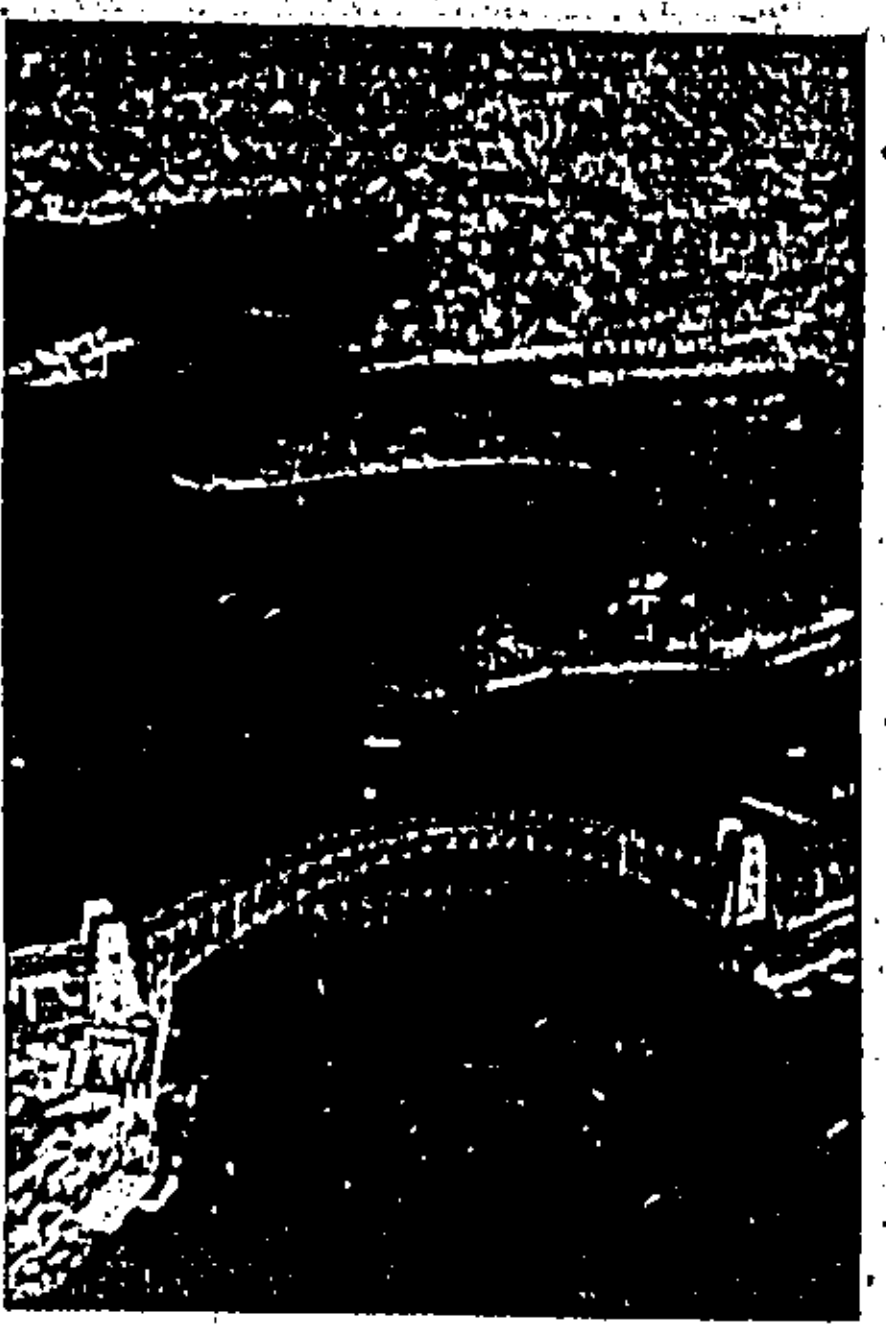
Colony Census. A census of the population will be taken between 6 and 10 p.m. from March 7 to 10, said Mr. B. H. Puckle, Deputy Director of A.R.P., at a Press conference to-day. Almost the entire A.R.P. force, comprising 2,400 warden in Hongkong and 1,100 warden in Kowloon, will be engaged upon this gigantic task.

The only information that the A.R.P. will require is the age and nationality of the occupants of premises. It is stressed that the sole object of the census is to find out what shelter accommodation must be provided in each district and area, how food must be distributed in case of emergency.

Mr. Puckle expressed the hope that the population will assist and co-operate in this respect.

Auxiliary Nurses. Since the last published list of the following members of the Auxiliary Nursing Service have completed their 90-hours hospital training in the wards and gained the proficiency certificate.

Sarah Abdullah, Ena Alves, Stella Bender, Sheila Baskett, Enda Beken, Margaret Clark, Elizabeth Dwyer, the Illian Graves, Winifred Griffin, Gudrun Heiber, Sister St. George, Helen Hawkins, Sister Jean de Guharista, Mrs. Karmelion, Kwan Wai-yin, Rose Loxley, Dora Lanchester, Mary Lo, Anne Mackenzie, Mahmuda Mehal, Eileen Monks, Winifred Margaret, Leslie Fursick, Charles Peterson, Marie Paterson, Sister St. Philippe, Doris Rocha, Margaret Starling, Maud Smith, Sister St. Stephen, Lucy Summard, Anna Tanner, Sister Theresa, Guilaumina Van der Stan, Valentine Vargason, Norah Wentworth, Naomi Walton Smith.



Saturday

February 22

Football Results. Results in the week-end Shield and League matches were as follows:

Quips By "Argus" With Acknowledgments

A study of lightning shows that it prefers striking females. Blondes?

Now the great question is whether threes or sevens are luckier on a heavy track.

Everybody seems to be excited about Hongkong except Hongkong. Maybe it's folly to be wise.

Headline in an American paper: Governor To Stay Home, Nurse Cold.

I see that a Japanese detachment was "heavily" decimated. Possibly one of those recurring decimals.

Germany is now building vast pocket submarines. Well, we can retaliate with safety razor blade tin-openers.

A gang has stolen seven tricycles. You know my methods Watson? They're truck drivers performing a public service.

"There is bound to be a little confusion with owners on account of the postponement of the opening day of the Annual Race Meeting. Owners who had intended sending their nominations to the Trial Plate, have now decided to put them out in a shorter race or else scratch them altogether."

Confusion is a little infectious.

Senior Shield, Second Round

St Joseph's 2 Sing Tao 0
Kwong Wah 1 Eastern 2
Police 2 South China 4
Royal Scots 1 Royal Navy 2

Junior Shield, Second Round

Sing Tao 1 35th R.A. 0
Royal Navy 2 International 2
R.A.S.C. 4 Royal Signals 0
Police 1 South China 3

First Division

Kowloon 1 Club 3

Second Division

R.A.O.C. 2 Kwong Wah 2
Kit Chee 2 R. Engineers 3
Club 2 Middlesex 3
Royal Scots 2 Middlesex 3

Third Division

35th R.A. 5 A.S.A. 0
1st R.A.F. 2 R.A.F. 2

Hemingway Here. "No, I do not think Franco will join the Axis as a neutral," said Mr. Ernest Hemingway, famous American war correspondent and author in an interview on his arrival at Hongkong by the California Clipper to-day. He declined to discuss the Far Eastern crisis.

Mr. Hemingway, who expects to stay about a fortnight in Hongkong, is making a tour of the Far East, as correspondent for the New York newspaper P. M. He is accompanied by his beautiful blond wife, the former Martha Gellhorn, most glamorous of American foreign correspondents who has come to the Far East for Collier's weekly magazine. They were married in December.

Immigration Officer. It is announced in the Government Gazette that Mr. Eric Himsforth has been appointed Deputy Immigration Officer, with effect from February 15.

Mr. Taggart Leaves. Mr. J. H. Taggart, Managing Director of the Hongkong & Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., was among the passengers who left the Colony to-day on board the President Coolidge for the United States.

Mr. Taggart, who has been in bad health, will join his wife in California. His future plans are uncertain but it is understood he will be away from Hongkong indefinitely.

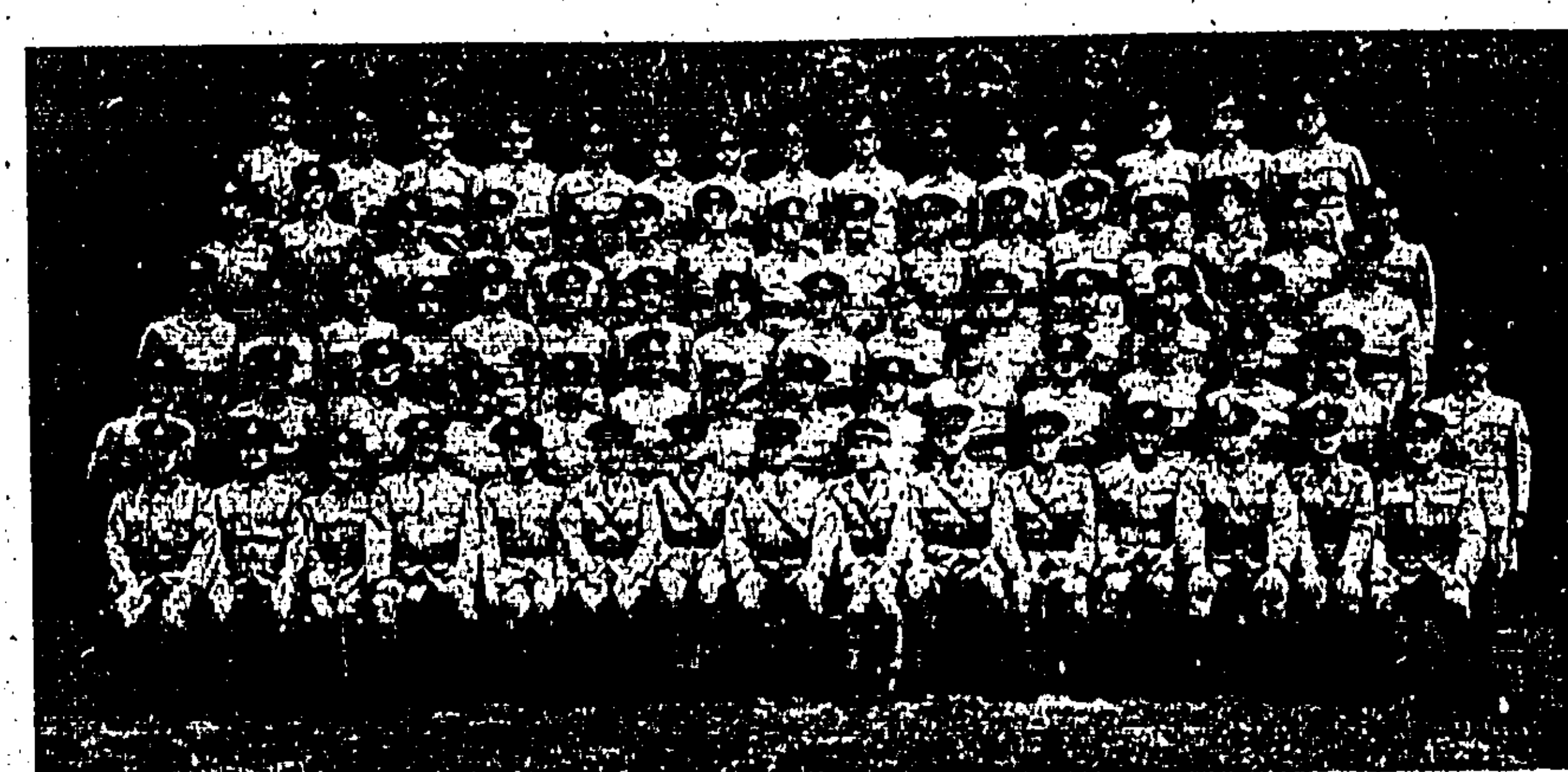
More than 400 passengers left Hongkong for the United States by the same liner yesterday. The agents, the American President Lines, stated that the number who embarked at Hongkong was not unusual.

Defence Reserve. The following persons have been permitted to quit the Hongkong Defence Reserve, with effect from February 20:

Mr. W. A. Hawkes and Mr. J. C. Menhinick.

Mr. V. A. Perkins has been enrolled in the Combatant Group of the Hongkong Defence Reserve, and Mr. M. D. Watson has been enrolled in the Key Post Group as from February 20.

Latest Picture Of A.S.C. Coy., H.K.V.D.C.



War Cuts Heavily Into Profits Of H.K. Land Investment Co.

Although a decrease in profits of nearly three lakhs as compared with last year was reported at the fifty-third general meeting of the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company, Ltd., held in the Boardroom of Messrs Jardine, Matheson and Co. Ltd. at noon to-day, the Chairman, the Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson, said that the actual property business of the Company was on the increase.

The difference in profits, he explained, was made up by four items—fewer property sales, War Taxation, a donation to the S. C. M. Post War Fund, and a drop in the profit from the Gloucester Hotel.

Mr. Paterson was supported by Mr. A. H. Compton, the Hon. Mr. T. E. Pearce, the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Mr. A. Raymond, Mr. S. T. Williamson, directors, Mr. O. Eager, secretary, and a number of shareholders.

The Chairman said: The amount at the credit of Profit and Loss Account is \$294,421.71 less than for 1939 and this difference is readily explained by four items—fewer property sales, the first appearance of War Taxation, a special donation to the successful War Fund inaugurated by The South China Morning Post, Ltd., and a drop in the profit of the Gloucester Hotel. All these total \$308,530.07 which shows that the actual property business of your Company is on the increase. Sales naturally vary from year to year, War Taxation and donations are payments that can be met with no dissentient voice whilst the falling away of trade in the Gloucester Hotel was only to be expected under existing conditions. The decrease in this latter is \$85,165.40 all coming within the last half-year's working.

Extension to Windsor House

Throughout the year under review office space has been in steady demand and at odd times only have any rooms been without tenants. Windsor House is now completed except for the ground-floor and I am glad to say that the entire area was let at reasonable but remunerative rates some months before the rent was reached. Your rent revenue has been added to further by the purchase of No. 11 Queen's Road, Central, a most valuable property and your Company now owns the north side of Queen's Road from Marina House to No. 7, both buildings included. It is intended to develop Nos. 11 and 13 Queen's Road, Central, as an extension to Windsor House but careful consideration is necessary having in mind the present difficulty of obtaining various constructional materials, the cost and the prospective need in the near future of office areas.

Three Sales

There are three sales to record. No. 298 The Peak, a private residence standing by itself, and two small lots of Chinese tenements—Nos. 20/22 Johnston Road and Nos. 250/252 Wanchai Road, the profits obtained have been transferred to General Reserve as customary.

In respect of Mortgages, the Chairman last year spoke of their satisfactory position and it has been found possible to transfer \$80,000 back to General Reserve as shown in the figures before you. Your Company's final interest in a block of four Chinese tenements and a further write-back is anticipated when these are sold ultimately.

In the Profit and Loss Appropriation Account you will see that an interim dividend of \$1 per share was decided upon by your Board which, though 25 cents lower than last year, was considered advisable in view of the uncertain state of the world today. A final dividend of \$1.50, the same as for 1939, is recommended which I trust will be found satisfactory by shareholders especially remembering the extra items on the debit side of the accounts which I have mentioned already. On the present basis War Taxation is at equivalent of approximately 35 cents per share.

Transfer to General Reserve

There is a slight increase in the proposed carry forward to take up the small balance of the amount available for distribution after having added \$10,000 to the transfer to General Reserve bringing this latter figure up to \$6,400,000. I now propose that the Report and Statement of Accounts as presented be adopted. When this has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer if I can any questions that Shareholders may wish to ask.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. J. A. Taiton, and was carried unanimously.

The re-election of Mr. A. H. Compton and the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo as directors was proposed by Mr. B. C. Field and seconded by Mr. M. H. Lo; and the re-election of Messrs Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming and Messrs Linstead and Davis as auditors was proposed by Mr. J. W. Lyon and seconded by Mr. A. A. Bremner.

Bus Brakes Inefficient

Sequel To Accident

Li Fan, bus driver, was fined \$100 by Mr. H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning for driving bus No. 780, the brakes of which were not efficient, in Shanghai Street on February 21. Li pleaded guilty.

Li was charged as a result of an accident in Shanghai Street last Friday when a Chinese male was knocked down.

Reports from the Traffic Department revealed that defendant's bus when driven at the speed of 20 m.p.h. took a distance of 52 feet before it came to a stop. The vacuum and hand brakes were useless and only the foot brake for the rear wheels were in working order.

GAMBLING Many Offenders Lose Their Bail

Chan Yuen, 24, carpenter, had his bail of \$75 forfeited when he failed to appear before Mr. D. J. N. Anderson at Kowloon Magistrate's Court on a charge of keeping a pai kau gaming house at No. 536 Canton Road, ground floor, on February 22.

Twenty-eight others charged with gambling failed to appear and their bail of \$3 was forfeited. A sum of \$875 collected from gamblers went to the Poor Box.

Queen's Road East
Failing to appear before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at Central Magistrate's Court today on a charge of being keepers of a gaming house for use for lotteries, Kan Kwok-wah, 20, and Yip Wing, 47 both described as unemployed, and their bail of \$100 each forfeited. Det.-Sergeant Morrison said that the defendants were arrested following a raid on a house in Queen's Road East yesterday. Money picked up amounted to \$13.14. This sum was ordered to be placed in the Poor Box.

Tai Wo Street
Said to have three previous convictions, Chu Yun, 21, unemployed, was fined \$100 or two months' hard labour by Mr. Sheldon for being the keeper of a gambling house. Defendant was arrested on the first floor of a house in Tai Wo Street. Money picked up amounting to \$13.56, was ordered to be given to the Poor Box.

Wellington Street
Fuk Yik, 22, married woman, was fined \$20 or in default one month's hard labour by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at Central Magistrate's Court this morning for keeping a gambling house at No. 7 Wellington Street, first floor, on February 22. Det.-Sergeant Morrison prosecuted.

POLICE RESERVE INSTRUCTIONS New Sickness Rule

Orders by the Hon. Mr. C. G. Perdue, Acting Commissioner of Police.

All Reservists who are unable to do a duty or parade allotted to them by their O.C. on account of sickness, must produce a medical certificate in support of their absence.

This is essential and unless followed will entail disciplinary action in accordance with the Police Reserve Ordinance.

Chinese Company
Training Course—Part IV.—Those detailed will attend Prince's Building, 1st Floor, for Part IV of Training Course under Inspector (R) Lau Shiu Chuen on Wednesday, February 20 at 17.15 hours sharp.

Indian Company
Patrol Duty.—Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

Flying Squad
Training Course—Part I.—Members of the Kowloon Section will attend Police Training School, Kowloon on Friday, February 23 at 17.30 hours for Part I of Training Course. Dress—Blue Uniform.

Emergency Unit Reserve
Patrol Duty.—Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

O. EAGER, D. C. P. (1).

Brawl Over Song

U.S. Minister Said Involved

SOFIA, Feb. 23 (Dome).—It is reported that Mr. George H. Earle, United States Minister to Bulgaria, suffered an arm injury as the result of a brawl in a restaurant over the song "Tipperary."

It was understood that Mr. Earle asked the orchestra to play "Tipperary," but several Germans in the restaurant objected and threw bottles at Mr. Earle and his party who retreated.

One German in plain civilian clothes suffered head cuts as a result, the reports added.

Ferrier Wins Miami Open

Miami, Florida, Feb. 13. Jim Ferrier, the Australian open golf champion and formerly of Shanghai, won the amateur prize in the \$10,000 Miami Open Golf championship, when he scored a par 70 to defeat Earl Christensen, a Miami detective, by three strokes in an 18-hole playoff for amateur honour.

Christensen had tied with 267 strokes for 72-holes, seven over par.—Reuter.

BIG AIR FIGHT OVER CHANNEL Nazi Invaders Turned Back

LONDON, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—A strong force of German fighters and bombers invaded the skies over the Straits of Dover this afternoon following Saturday's patrol activities and small-scale daylight raids on south-east England.

Spitfires and A.A. guns along the Channel coast went into action and several groups of enemy machines were turned back before reaching the English coast.

There had been considerable activity over the Straits by Spitfires during the morning and British bombers were seen flying across the sea.

Scattered Activity

LONDON, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—Enemy air activity over Britain tonight (Sunday), has been scattered. Bombs were dropped in a field in a southeastern district and enemy planes were reported in the vicinity of a north-east town.

The alert was sounded early in the evening in London but the all clear followed on reports suggesting that the attack on the capital has been very slight.

German Air Losses

LONDON, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—Thirteen German airplanes were lost over Britain between February 16 and 22, inclusive. During the same period British losses were nil.

The Germans lost four on February 16; six on February 17; one on February 21 and two on February 22. The British lost seven planes over Germany during the same period.

Middle East losses from February 16 to 22 were: Germans, 5; Italians, 20; and British, six. Two further German planes were brought down by the British Navy.

Fighters Chase Nazis

It was learned later that German fighters and fighter-bombers, numbering about a squadron, were chased back across the Straits of Dover during the afternoon by British fighters.

They failed to penetrate beyond the coast and there are no reports of bombs being dropped.

Bombs Kill Ten

LONDON, Feb. 23 (UP).—About 10 persons were reported killed when raiders dropped high explosives and incendiary bombs on a north-east coast town, which started four fires that were quickly controlled.

Other raiders dropped bombs on southern England and the Home counties, but little damage was done and there were no casualties.

Hockey

Recreio Hold Visiting Macao XI

EXCELLENT HOCKEY was witnessed at King's Park yesterday when the Club de Recreio entertained a team from Macao and succeeded in holding the powerful visiting XI to a 2-all draw.

Weak link of the visiting team was found in their forward line. Their halves and backs presented a most determined front, and held the persistent Recreio forwards at bay for considerable periods. Persistence, however, had its reward when J. Fonseca registered for Recreio to give the local side a 1-0 lead at the interval.

It was in the second period that Macao was most prominent. Their halves—J. Nolasco, Alex Aires and Trigo Silva—were a fine combination and gave ample support to their forwards. It was mainly through their efforts that Macao registered twice in the second half, and with a little more accuracy and initiative in their forward line might easily have emerged the winners.

For Recreio, R. Marques and J. Goncalves were a hard-working pair of backs, and in the second half hard-worked. W. A. Reed dominated the centre of the field as centre-half, while in the forward line J. A. Soares, J. M. Gosano and B. Gosano combined well.

P. Angelo, who was playing well in the Macao forward line, and A. Aires scored Macao's two goals, while B. Gosano notched Recreio's other.

Teams were: Recreio: J. Nolasco; R. A. Marques; J. Goncalves; P. Yvanovich; W. A. Reed; J. M. Aires; J. A. Soares; J. N. Gosano; B. Gosano; P. X. Sequeira; J. Fonseca. Macao: Almadai; Dasto; Ferreira; J. Nolasco; Alex Aires; Trigo Silva; J. A. Soares; Alex Aires; P. Angelo; J. Amalho; R. Angelo.

Big Test Coming For Lend and Lease Bill

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23 (UP).—Congressional circles declare that the first major test of the Lend and Lease Bill will occur when Senator Allen Ellender's amendment will be voted on this week, forbidding the despatch of American troops into foreign wars. The proposal will apparently win the support of all non-interventionist sentiment.

Senator Hiram Johnson, isolationist, challenged the Democratic leaders to accept the proposal as a "test of the Administration's sincerity. If the amendment is defeated, it means that the Administration forces are intent on getting the United States into the war with men."

He added that unless such restrictions are embodied in the bill, "it may be only a few days" after the enactment of the measure until the nation is at war, "and war certainly means the end of the American Democracy."

Administration leaders indicated that they would oppose the amendment.

Debate's Last Lap

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—The United States Senate to-morrow begins the seventh day of its debate on the Lend and Lease Bill for aiding Britain and there is every likelihood that the Senate will pass the measure at the latest by the week-end.

There are indications in Washington that administration leaders are preparing for quick action after the bill has received final Congressional approval.

It is reported that the form of appropriations and requests were discussed at a recent meeting of the Secretaries of War, Navy and Agriculture.

A statement made to-day by Senator George, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, indicates that the administration may accept further amendments to the bill. Senator George stated that the majority of the members of the committee are meeting this week to discuss three or four amendments.

Rugby

Combined Services Draw 3-3 With Club-Police

RUSSIAN at Happy Valley on Saturday was keen and hard fought when Combined Services drew 3-3 with Club-Police after leading 3-0 at half time. Both sides had opportunities of clinching the issue but thrilling tackles and narrow misses at goal kept the score to a low level.

Paul, Navy three-quarter, was back again to the force, while Fairclough, full back, found touch on numerous occasions with excellent long punts.

Stewart, marking Paul, too, was in great form, and ran strongly when in possession.

Service Score

SERVICES were the first to approach to scoring when Millar failed with a penalty kick. Following this, however, their efforts were rewarded when Rutherford got within striking distance, and when Honeymill got possession he sent Richards over in the corner. Millar kick failed.

Services thus led 3-0 at the interval, and for the first part of the second half were again in the ascendancy. Fifteen minutes before the end, however, Godfrey picked up in the loose and went over. Aitkenhead failed.

Then just a few minutes before the end, Club-Police all but took the lead when Stewart was grassed a few yards from the line.

Teams were: Combined Services—Fairclough (Army); Paul (Navy); Stewart (Navy); Honeymill (Navy); Richards (Army); Carter (Navy); Rutherford (Navy); Sutherland (Army); Watson (Navy); Bennett (Army); Millar (Army); King (Navy); Pinkerton (Army); Berry (Army); and Poole (Navy).

Club-Police—Thompson; Bosanquet; Stewart; Carruthers and Van Leeuwen; Aitkenhead; and Thompson; Cullinan (Police); Johnston, Waddell; Hackett; Kennedy; Godfrey; Taylor and Wright; North (Police).

Softball

WILDCATS NOSE OUT WAHOOS

OUTSTANDING softball matches of the week-end were those between the Wildcats and the Wahoos, and the Wahoos and Chinese B.C. In both games the first names emerged the winner by the odd run. Scores in brief were:

GIRLS
Cardinals 19, Rangleettes 5.
Wildcats 4, Wahoos 3.
Chung Hwa 24, Las Florinhas 13.
MEN, MAJOR LEAGUE
Recreio's Aces forfeited to Cyclones.
Indians 8, Canucks 1.
Molawks 6, Chinese 7.
HONG
Hongkong Bank 10, Texaco 7.

INDIAN NAVY TRAINING PLAN

BOMBAY, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—A total of 468 Indian boys are training for the Indian Navy near Karachi under 100 officers and instructors.

Sixty of them will graduate immediately having had 18 months of intensive training, including gunnery, engineering and wireless. Fresh batches are constantly being taken.

"Reuters" special correspondent, after a visit to the training ship, was struck by the discipline and efficiency and the eagerness of the boys to acquire creditably when drafted into the Indian Navy.

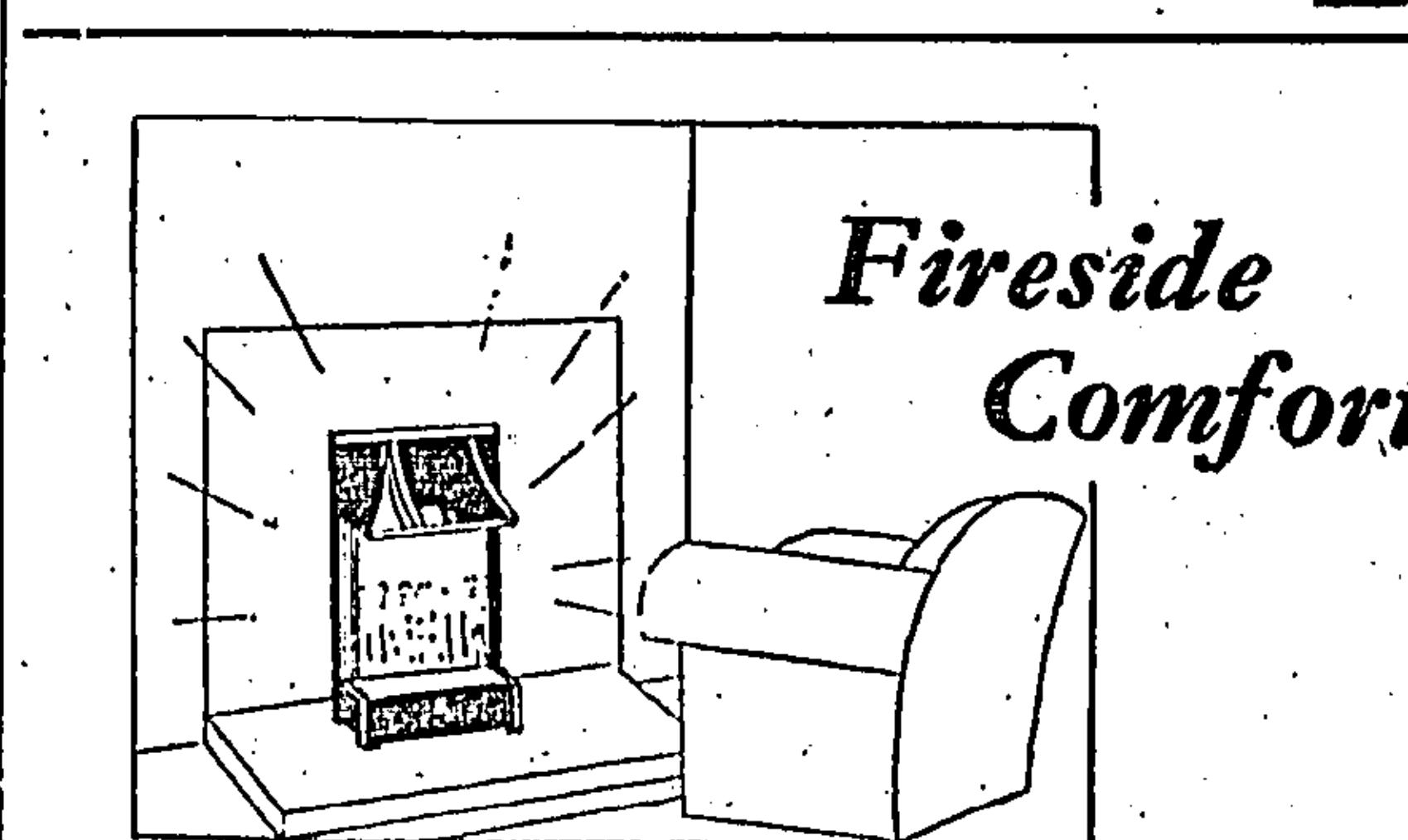
Jews Reach Japan

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
TSURUGA, Feb. 24 (Dome).—More than 850 Jewish refugees from Europe arrived here from Vladivostok aboard the Japanese liner Amakusa Maru this afternoon. They are expected to play in Japan for some time until they can find new homes in the Far East or South America.



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ART TREASURES MAY GO TO U.S.

Privately-owned art treasures in Britain worth millions of pounds may shortly be sold to the United States to obtain money for the war effort. A scheme is being considered by the Board of Trade which proposes to ask people to sell these treasures abroad.

Electricity Charges

An error crept into the published announcement of the Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd., in Friday's issue, regarding standard charges for current. It should be noted that these increases will take effect in respect of all accounts issued for meters read on and after March 21, 1941.

MONDAY MORNING COMMENTARY

Senior Shield Quarter-Finals

Penalty Kick Decides Match In Eastern's Favour: Sing Tao Surprised By St Joseph's

(By "SCRAMBLER")

SHOWING A VASTLY improved form from their last league encounter, Kwong Wah very nearly surprised Eastern when they met yesterday in the quarter finals of the Senior Shield, succumbing only to a better organised attack by the odd goal in three. The losers were somewhat demoralised by the award of a "spot-kick" against them for accidental hands during the latter part of the first half from which Eastern obtained the lead. If a similar decision had been awarded them on two later occasions against the winners, the result might have been different.

Kwong Wah had only themselves to blame for the result, for their forwards were at no time dangerous, and never in the course of the whole game took an effective shot at goal. The insidemen were unable to co-operate with the wingers, and their passes and understanding often went astray. If they had been a little more concrete in their work, Eastern would have been sorely put to ward off the attacks.

A better co-ordinated attack was up against a steady defence, but the defence were unable to help their attack much due to the fact that their clearances were either weak or partially blocked. There was too much loose play, and although Eastern won, their victory was not very conclusive.

Thanks to the brilliant goal-keeping of Lee Kwok-kee Kwong

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ANNUAL RACE MEETING, 1941

Postponed to:—
Third Day — Monday, 24th February
Fourth Day — Tuesday, 25th February
Fifth Day — Saturday, 1st March
On Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th February, the first bell will be rung at 11.00 a.m., and the first race will be run at 11.30 a.m. On Saturday, 1st March, the first bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m., and the first race will be run at 2.00 p.m.
The time interval will be after the fifth race on the third and fourth days.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURES

Members are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.
NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.00 per day including tax—\$40.00 including tax for the Meeting (ladies \$5.00 and \$20.00 respectively) are obtainable through the Secretary upon the written or personal introduction of a member, such member to be responsible for all chits, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the Race Course.

The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, EXCHANGE BUILDING, (Tel. 27704) WILL CLOSE AT 9.45 a.m. ON THE FIRST FOUR DAYS, and at 11.45 a.m. ON THE FIFTH DAY. A limited number of tickets will be obtainable each day at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box, (Tel. 21220).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUBS PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2.00 per day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1.00 per day including tax.

Bookmakers, Tie Tac men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Tickets will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

SERVANTS' PASSES

Passes for Servants will be issued to Private Box holders ONLY on application to the Secretary, 1st floor, Exchange Building.
Any persons found loitering with Servants' passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the Enclosure.

By Order,

O. B. BROWN,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 10th February, 1941.

SING TAO BEATEN

Saints' Brilliant Win

Strengthened by the inclusion of Guy and Flanders, Saint Joseph's College created a surprise when they beat Sing Tao by 2-0 yesterday at Causeway Bay in the quarter finals of the Senior Shield. To Guy in the pivotal position and Sammy Tsang in goal, the Saints owed much of their success, for between the two of them, they had Sing Tao's attack bottled up.

The defence played up very well, where Hussain and Bowen were seen to good advantage by their bustling clearances. Guy was the best man on view, holding the fast Chinese forwards at bay. He was ably supported by Leonard on his left and T. Castillo on his right. It was in this department that the Saints were able to assume the supremacy.

In attack, the whole of the forward line found understanding. Here MacDonald by his foraging had the Chinese defence on tenterhooks. Santos partner well with Cruz on the right and Gomes was able to play up to the fast Flanders.

Tricky Trio

The Chinese forward line were not allowed to settle down. Guy was it that the tricky trio of Fung King-chung, Kwok Ying-ke and Lai Shui-wing were not allowed to bring their intricate moves into play, and broke up many of their movements. The intermediate trio were unable to hold the Saints' attack. Leung Wing-chiu was unable to master the fleet footed MacDonald and both Tsui Ah-fai and Soong Ling-sing found that the pair of wingers were a bundle of energy.

Only the good work of Hou Yung-sang and Mak Shui-hon at back was responsible for the Saints being unable to take the lead in the first half. Cheung Wing-chol played up well, but found MacDonald's methods a bit to his dislike. Sammy Tsang was in great form, saving several certain goals.

Play was very even in the first half, and had the Saints' forwards been able to shoot more accurately, they would undoubtedly have taken the lead. Sing Tao's attack were not allowed to get co-ordinated. Guy was ably aided by his wing halves, Hussain and Bowen supported them well.

With no score in the first half, the Saints went into the attack, and Leonard's lob shot was saved by Cheung Wing-chol. MacDonald followed up and the Chinese keeper allowed the ball to slip to the ground thereby allowing MacDonald to score. The Saints were definitely on top and the same player scored their second goal when he went through from a pass by Flanders.

SAINTS: Sammy Tsang; A. J. Hussain; J. Bowen; T. Castillo, Guy, D. Leonard; Cruz, Santos, MacDonald, Gomes, Flanders.

SING TAO: Cheung Wing-chol; Hou Yung-sang, Mak Shui-hon; Tsui Ah-fai, Leung Wing-chiu, Soong Ling-sing; Yeung Shui-yick, Fung King-cheung, Kwok Ying-ke, Lai Shui-wing, Ip Pak-wah.

Interport Probables v. British Army

THE INTERPORT hockey Probables will be playing the British Army to-morrow at 4.45 p.m. on the Club ground, King's Park. The Probables team will be:

V. M. Benwell; V. C. Bond and J. Gonzalez; R. Marques, W. A. Reed and N. B. Whitley; T. Whitley, C. Singh, B. Gosno, H. L. Ozerio and W. Brown.

Reserves.—E. Fowler, D. T. Smith, A. Alves, W. Parker and A. E. P. Guest.

THRILLS IN THE GOALMOUTH



Sammy Tsang and J. Bowen (Saints) in a heading duel with Lai Shui-wing (Sing Tao) in front of the Saints' goal. A. J. Hussain, other Saints' back, is seen behind.—England Studios.

Rifle Shooting

Colony Lose Interport Match to Singapore

Largely due to lack of practice with aperture sights brought about by local military restrictions, Hongkong lost the 1940 Interport rifle shooting contest with Singapore, and thus the Far East Trophy, which it won in 1939.

The contest was first instituted in 1938 by the Hongkong Rifle Association. Shoots are conducted on postal lines and each team, comprising of 10 British subjects resident in the place, is allowed to fire on any date within the calendar year.

Hongkong fired on December 15. Conditions then were far from favourable and with lack of practice with aperture sights, the team was able to aggregate only 730 against their winning score of 752 the previous year, whereas Singapore aggregated 762. The only possible at any range was C/Sgt Hing's 35 at 500 yards for Hongkong.

Hongkong, however, won the Open Sight event, but this is only a subsidiary shoot and does not count towards the Interport result.

Following are the detailed results:

Interport

SINGAPORE	200	500	600	TOT.
L. A. J. Whitcombe	32	34	24	700
C.S.M. D. Hopkins	33	33	22	688
F/Sgt D. Reid	33	32	27	672
F/Lt S. P. Coulson	34	33	29	696
L/Cpl C. S. Goh	30	32	32	654
L.A.C. E. Lane	33	31	30	634
Capt G. Child	31	31	30	612
R.Q.M.S. Bickelpike	31	30	30	612
Total	257	256	249	762

HONGKONG	200	500	600	TOT.
H/Mt W. Kifford	32	32	25	644
C/Sgt P. Hale	32	32	25	644
A.S.P. D. Lole	31	33	29	643
Capt A. J. Le Seclieur	30	31	31	622
Lt T. D. Hunter	30	33	29	622
Lieut C. J. P. Carey	30	32	29	611
Sgt F. E. Russell	32	28	31	631
W/O F. Tolson	30	29	26	625
Total	247	251	232	730

Reserves—Major Best 32, F/O Loughborough 70.

Open Sights

HONGKONG	200	500	600	TOT.
Sgt T. Baker	32	31	25	618
P.S.M. H. Green	32	29	31	612
Sgt W. Nunn	32	30	22	604
L/Sgt N. L. Pan	29	29	29	607
Lt T. D. Hunter	29	29	29	607
Sgt F. Cole	30	28	23	611
Sgt Puren Singh	29	25	29	603
Pte Scott	30	29	26	605
Total	229	230	210	669

Reserves—Sgt K. C. Wong 54, Sgt G. Perkins 52.

SINGAPORE

SINGAPORE	200	500	600	TOT.
L.A.C. S. Williams	29	29	28	606
Sgt H. J. Stephens	27	30	29	606
F/Sgt L. A. Hall	29	27	23	611
L.A.C. J. Bennett	27	29	24	600
C.S.M. W. Swanson	29	29	22	600
A.C.T. P. Howell	27	29	23	600
L.Q.M.S. Spence	28	23	23	600
L/Sgt Sutherland	22	29	23	600
Total	217	223	197	637

Reserves—L. A. C. Richmond 60, Cpl Connolly 39.

SPEED AND STYLE

U.S. Basketballers In Action

DISPLAYING CLASS as well as science in their every move, the touring 20th Century Fox Film basketballers from California, in defeating Hongkong's all-stars 72-30, Saturday night, demonstrated before a capacity crowd at the Chinese Y.M.C.A., a brand of basketball that has very seldom been seen in the Colony.

Week-end Golf Results

FINALS in two of the competitions of the Fanling Golf Club and the Country Club were played this week-end.

At Fanling, S. L. Lloyd won the 36-holes final of the Junior Championship, beating A. J. Dennis 3 and 1.

Country Club

At the Country Club, A. W. Ramsey took his second trophy of the year when, with R. E. Lee, he won the final of the men's Foursomes, beating W. Williamson and C. S. Thom 6 and 4.

In the second round of the Club Championship, Ramsey beat Williamson 2 up.

Cricket

Volunteers Beaten By Recreio

CLUB DE RECREIO beat the Hongkong Volunteers by five runs in a keen game of cricket at King's Park, yesterday. Despite their being represented by only ten men, consistent scoring by the early batsmen enabled Recreio to total 181.

To this, the Volunteers replied with 176, of which 74 was contributed by E. C. Fincher.

Scores were:

Recreio.—181 (J. M. Gosano 35, M. D'Almada Remedios 31, L. G. Gosano 27, P. M. N. da Silva 26, A. E. Perry 3 for 39, L. T. Ride 2 for 10).

Volunteers.—176 (E. C. Fincher 74, A. Zimmerman 31, A. E. Perry 23, E. Soares 2 for 17, L. G. Gosano 2 for 36).

Although they were greatly weakened by the absence of Capt. Carl Knowles; American Olympic ace, forced to the sidelines with a sprained ankle suffered in a game at Manila, the Californian giants worked together like a well-oiled machine, handling the ball in masterful fashion. Their clear-cut ball handling, effective passing and close guarding were a feature of the game, and had the cage fans continually roaring.

Slow in starting due to the strange surroundings and to the gym was greatly over-crowded, the American-visitors gradually worked up steam, and in the second half their plays were working with clock-like precision. Relying mainly on sure passing, clinch shooting plays, the visitors had the local stars completely baffled for the greater part of the game.

Commanding Lead
Taking the lead at the opening whistle, the tall cage stars from sunny California were never seriously threatened, taking a commanding 34-18 lead at half-time.

In the last half the local prizes, through fast-breaking tactics fought desperately to cut the lead, but the visitors, employing cool calculated movements were complete masters of the game and through effective passing as well as accurate shooting, emerged winners by an overwhelming margin.

For the touring Americans, towering Lester "scarlett" O'Gara, former Pasadena J. C. star, with his steady influence, dead-set shots and close guarding, was the standout player on the floor, sinking the ball through the hoops for a "Ritz-bang" 23 points.

Ray Weldie, ex-Utah University ace and Lee Woodward of Whittier College also came in with the "starry role" tag.

Lo Chen-hoon, Sek Chen-chee and Stew Kit-man played brilliantly for the locals who were completely out-classed in both offensive and defensive play by a superior team.

Preliminary

In a preliminary game the Kowloon girls started took the Hong Kong quintette into camp 31-14.

Californians—Lee Woodward, Lester O'Gara, 23, Paul Lloyd 6, Ray Weldie, Johnny Ball 4, "Curly" Johnson 6, Chuck Perrin 6.

Hongkong all-stars—Lo Chen-hoon 6, Sek Chen-chee 4, Chan Su-luk 2, Lee Pui-chick 2, Chan Sin-ko 2, Tai Fook-shing 2, Cheng Chui-tun 4, Leung Kok-dock 2, Stew Kit-man, Chan See-bun, Luk Tack-chang, Sek Chen-tack.

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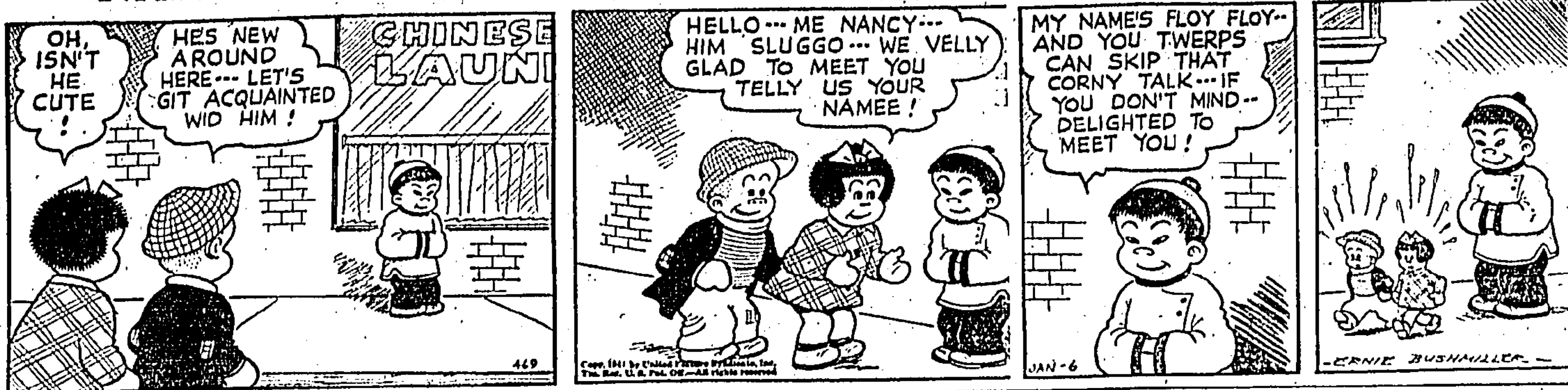
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Modern Exploration In China: Frenchman Slain

CHUNGKING, Feb. 22 (Central News).—M. A. Guibaut, famous French explorer representing the French Geographical Society in Paris, arrived in Chungking recently following a seven-month tour of Sikkim. During his tour he met with an unfortunate incident and lost his associate, M. L. Liotard, who accompanied him, all his films and belongings.

This happened on September 9, 1940 when Guibaut's caravan, consisting of two Tibetans a Chinese servant, five horses and 10 yaks, was attacked by a group of 20 bandits.

Armed with guns, the bandits descended upon them from a high mountain north-west of Kangding. Liotard and the Chinese servant were killed while Guibaut managed to escape to a monastery in company with the two Tibetans, his overcoat riddled with bullets.

They were cordially received by the lamas and after four days the French explorer and the two Tibetans, accompanied by six lamas, resumed the tour on horseback. They went as far as Lhuk, a small town inhabited mainly by Chinese.

Resumed Journey
From Lhuk, Guibaut turned back, arriving at Kangding in October and in Chingtu in November. After staying in Chingtu for a couple of months, he returned to Chungking.

Commenting on his trip, Guibaut said that Sikkim has great possibilities. It is rich in mineral resources and wool, milk and butter. Exploitation of the province would strengthen considerably China's economy.

There are lamaseries everywhere in the province, he said. During his tour, he visited 12 of them, the smallest accommodating 40 to 50 lamas and the largest 300 to 400.

Tokyo Govt Meets Chiefs Of Forces

Liaison Conference

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
TOKYO, Feb. 24 (Domei).—An extraordinary liaison conference between the Government and the High Command took place at the Premier's official residence from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday to discuss the latest domestic and international situations. The Government was represented by the Foreign Minister, Mr. Yosuke Matsuoka, the Home Minister, Baron Kichiro Hiranuma, the War Minister, Lieut-General Hideo Tojo, and the Navy Minister, Admiral Koshiro. The High Command was represented by General Sugiyama, Chief of the Army General Staff, and Vice-Admiral Nobutake Kondo, Vice-Chief of the Naval General Staff.

N. E. I.—Japan Talks

Nippon Claims Headway

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BATAVIA, Feb. 23 (Domei).—Despite reports of a crisis in the South Pacific area, observers here declared that a series of talks now under way between the Japanese Consul-General, Mr. Yutaka Ishizawa, and Mr. J. W. van Hoogstraten, Director of the Commercial Affairs Bureau of the Netherlands East Indies Government, are progressing satisfactorily. Mr. Ishizawa and Mr. van Hoogstraten conferred more than six times. It is reported that a certain understanding on points of general nature has already been reached. While the conference so far is said to have marked by a frank exchange of views, the talks are expected to be continued this week.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

A total of \$1,584,229.43 was reached on Saturday by the War Fund inaugurated by the S.C.M. Post, Ltd., with the following donations:
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Beaverbrook Directs Attention to New R.A.F.

LONDON, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—Britain's growing air strength was stressed by Lord Beaverbrook, Minister of Aircraft Production, broadcasting to Canada to-day.

Lord Beaverbrook stated: "The strength of our reserves no longer occupies our attention. We give our thoughts rather to new types, to longer flights, to more striking power, to greater altitude and to swifter pursuit."

After appealing to Canadians to assist in keeping open the north-western approaches to Britain, Lord Beaverbrook said that the price of invasion might be heavy and it was not expected that payment in full for such an adventure would be made on this side of the Channel.

No matter what happened, there was never a need for Anglo-Saxons to hang their heads in shame when they were told the story of Britain's battle for freedom. Canadians would say for countless generations that they were descended from the British stock that fought so valiantly. It was glory to be allowed to march in the great crusade for freedom under the leadership of Mr. Churchill.

RED ARMY CELEBRATION

—23rd Year

MOSCOW, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—The Soviet Red Army celebrated the 23rd anniversary of its formation to-day. The occasion was marked by a speech by General Tyulenev, Commander of the Moscow military district, in which he extolled and outlined the progress made by the Army, recalling that breaking of Finland's Mannerheim Line last year was an example of the high state of development of military technique.

Various new military appointments are also announced and foreign military attaches were entertained to tea by the Soviet Chief of Staff at the official residence of the Foreign Commissar.

In the newspaper, "Pravda," the Deputy Naval Commissar, Admiral Iskov, writes that the Soviet Navy has formed a Danube flotilla and declares that this is the last of the Soviet Navy's developments.

Hired Bicycle And Tried To Sell It

Alleged to have hired a bicycle and then attempted to sell it, Chung Pak-sung, 23, unemployed, Police bailiff, was charged before Mr. D. J. N. Anderson at Kowloon Magistrate's court this morning with larceny of a bicycle by bailiff from the Fel Kam Bicycle shop of No. 148 Tung Choi Street, ground floor.

Lance Sergeant Gordon said that about 10 a.m. on Saturday defendant went to the Fel Kam Bicycle shop and hired a bicycle for five cents. About 2 p.m. the same day, defendant went to a bicycle shop at Un Long Market and tried to sell the bicycle for \$10. A told of the shop noticed the characters on the rear mudguard had been scraped off and became suspicious. The Police were notified and defendant was arrested. Accused was bound over in the sum of \$20 for one year.

Bomb Outrage In Shanghai

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
SHANGHAI, Feb. 24 (UP).—Two time bombs exploded yesterday at the Shantung Book Company, a Japanese-owned firm in the International Settlement, causing considerable damage. The second bomb injured a fireman who was a member of the brigade that arrived to put out the fire started by the first bomb. The motive for the bombing has not been ascertained and the perpetrators have not been discovered.

Counterfeit Coin Charges

Lam Tin-po, 28, unemployed, and Hui Lai-shing, 33, farmer, were charged with uttering counterfeit coins and possession of the same, when they appeared before Mr. H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon Magistrate's court this morning. Lam and Hui were both charged with uttering counterfeit five-cent coins. Lam was further charged with possession of five counterfeit five-cent coins and possession of a mould for making counterfeit coins. Accused were remanded a week for further inquiries.

European Hits Police Officer

\$100 Fine Imposed

D. F. Stock, described as being on the staff of the Asiatic Petroleum Company, was charged before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at Central Magistrate's court this morning with assaulting Constable Shen Tak-yeung, PCD247.

Mr. B. D. Evans represented Stock and pleaded guilty. Det.-Sergeant H. B. Dewar said that at about 2 a.m. on Sunday a constable was on duty at Queen's Pier when he was accosted by the defendant who, apparently, had been drinking heavily. There was an altercation and the defendant hit the constable with his fist. The constable engaged a taxi and took the defendant to the Police Station. At the Station the defendant was quite quiet and apologized for what had occurred.

"Trivial Assault"

Mr. Evans said that the assault was a trivial one and defendant had gone to the Police Station entirely voluntarily. There was no question of his having been compelled to go. Mr. Evans asked Mr. Sheldon to take into account the fact that the defendant was not "entirely" in his senses at that time. To Mr. Sheldon, Det.-Sergeant Dewar said that no damage had been done to the constable who had been struck on the chest. Mr. Sheldon remarked that this was a very serious offence and the least sentence he could give the defendant was a fine of \$100.

Customs Pass Tragedy

Fung Kwok-wa, compradore of the Green Island Cement Company, is one of the figures in what might be a double tragedy which occurred yesterday. Around midnight yesterday, he was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital, suffering from lacerations and wounds to his throat. His wife, second figure in the tragedy, was Chui Lo-tan, alias Tai Shau-kam, who is dead from severe wounds to the head and throat, believed to have been inflicted by a chopper.

The deceased woman resided at 32, Fook Wing Street, second floor, and the ghastly discoveries were made in an unnumbered bungalow in Customs Pass.

The woman died this morning. **Amateur Jockey**
Mr. Fung was a well-known amateur jockey, and rode Lovely Star for second place in the Amoy Handicap at the annual race meeting on Tuesday last. He was also a prominent water-polo player, and was a particularly well-known and popular figure in Chinese circles.

Gardener's Discovery

The shocking discovery at Customs Pass was made by a gardener, who shortly after 7 o'clock yesterday evening heard screams and shouts coming from one of the bedrooms of the house. Upon investigation he found the bedroom windows and door locked, but with the help of another servant, broke down the door and found Mr. and Mrs. Fung lying in the room. Mrs. Fung was then dead, but her husband was still alive, though obviously in great pain.

Unemployed Man With Revolver

For possession of an old and obsolete revolver and two rounds of ammunition, Yeung Yan-tuk, 25, unemployed, was fined \$5 or in default seven days' imprisonment by Mr. A. N. Macnaden at Central Magistrate's court this morning. The arms were confiscated. Inspector W. A. Russell said defendant was arrested with the revolver wrapped in paper, at a lane behind No. 107 Main Street West, on February 21. Defendant said he was about to return to Chinese Territory by junk and the revolver had been handed to him for his self-protection by a boatman named Cheung Si-ying, at present not in the Colony.



MENZIES' PLEDGE

Britain Will Never Be Deserted

LONDON, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—The Empire must be "all in," our second best will not win this war.

This was the keynote of the speech broadcast by Mr. R. G. Menzies, the Australian Prime Minister, from London to-night. Mr. Menzies proceeded: "The British Empire and the United States are in the vital matter of war production, only beginning while Germany must already be feeling the strain which will not be sensibly diminished by making slaves of Italian factory hands after the collapse of the Italian military effort. Time provided that we use it day and night, is our ally."

Speaking For Empire

Addressing the people of Britain, Mr. Menzies said: "You must never think yourselves to be alone. Speaking I am sure not only for Australia but for the whole British Empire beyond the seas, I say to you we are in this most holy war with you. Everything that we have, of manpower, treasure, skill or determination, is pledged to work and fight for you and with you until final victory is attained and a better and more just day dawns for the world in which our children are to live."

Expeditionary Force

Mr. Menzies said that the Australian Expeditionary Force was already an Army Corps of four divisions. Thousands of men had already made their blows heard in Rome and desired only to deliver them at Berlin. Thousands of young Australians were entering the war with their brothers from Britain and the Dominions and were destined to see the Empire the just mistress of the air.

"Above all, inspired by the splendid example of the King and Queen, your spirit and ours is not merely defensive. It is not sufficient to avoid defeat. Between the powers of darkness and the powers of light, there can be no compromise. It is no twilight world that we are seeking."

SNATCHING

Large Sum Taken From Office Boy In City

The story of how three men had stolen N.C.\$3,000 from an office boy, in the Central district on Saturday was related at Central Magistrate's court this morning when Chan Yeung-ye, 26, and Chu Ting-man, 24, both unemployed, were charged before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., with theft.

Det.-Sergeant Cochrane said that at 11 a.m. on Saturday Chu Kul, an office boy of the Wang Yip Salt Company of 33 Queen's Road Central, was walking along Theatre Lane towards Pedder Street when Chan approached him from the rear and covered his eyes. Chu snatched away a parcel which Chu Kul carried and which contained \$3,000. The office boy chased after Chan and caught him and Chu Ting-man was caught by an Indian Constable attached to the Special Branch. A third man involved in the theft attempted to board a moving train but he fell and dropped a bundle containing \$300 of the stolen money. The train conductor retrieved the money but the man escaped. Of the amount stolen, \$1,245 had been recovered.

Sentence of six months' hard labour was imposed on the two defendants.

Sharp Differences In Tokyo Negotiations

Special to the "Telegraph"

SAIGON, Feb. 23 (UP).—Authoritative and informed quarters, while admitting that serious differences exist between Indo-China, Thai and the Tokyo negotiators, declare that the negotiations have not been broken off.

Meanwhile the Laos-Thai violation of the armistice agreement has been partly corrected, and as a result the French several days ago agreed to continue negotiations.

Although it is hoped that the differences can be bridged before the armistice period expires, the civil and military authorities are giving the situation their closest attention, and many recent actions indicate that the Indo-China Government would be prepared should a stubborn Thai stand prevent the successful signing of peace.

General Decoux and the Government are going to Hanoi by air. The French cruiser Lamotte-Picquet, flagship of the Indo-China fleet, as well as a Japanese torpedo boat, to-day quietly and unexpectedly left Saigon for unknown destinations.

Two French destroyers left Saigon yesterday. Thai-Indo-China armistice causing speculation in connection with which is due to expire on Tuesday.

French Fleet Sails

TOKYO, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—Japanese reports from Saigon allege that following an extraordinary session of the French War Council, all ships of the French Far Eastern fleet, including the flagship, the 7,000-ton cruiser Lamotte Picquet, have sailed in the direction of the Gulf of Siam.

It is also alleged that the Indo-China authorities have cancelled the leaves of all officers and men and have ordered them to return to their regiments.

These steps are said to be taken in view of the expiration of the Franco-Thai armistice on February 25.

Illegal Letter Carrying

A fine of \$100 or a month's hard labour was imposed on Chan Wah, 20, a ship's cook, by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at Central Magistrate's court this morning for conveying 10 letters into Hongkong.

Det.-Sergeant Summers said that the defendant was searched and the letters found on him as he was leaving a steamer that had arrived from Macao. The letters were all of a domestic nature.

The defendant remarked that he was carrying the letters for someone. He knew that he was not allowed to do this.

Charged with conveying four letters out of Hongkong, Hung Mong, 36, unemployed, was fined \$50 or three weeks' hard labour by Mr. Sheldon. It was said that the defendant was found with the letters when he was searched at the Po Tak Wharf, Connaught Road, Central. These letters were also of a domestic character.

Japanese Grave Entertainment

Cinema Fans Are Problem

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
TOKYO, Feb. 23 (Domei).—With an increase of almost 10,000,000 in the attendance at the 350 motion picture theatres in Tokyo prefecture alone in 1940 as compared with the attendance in the previous year, a new problem of how to satisfy the nation's lust for recreation is confronting the authorities.

Against an attendance of 91,040,012 persons during 1939, a total of 101,768,711 paid for admission to the movies in Tokyo prefecture last year, a survey shows.

The increased population as well as the mounting drift to the cities are cited as contributory causes to this rise but official point out that the problem is not being solved as the building of new motion picture theatres is not being authorized in view of the need for construction materials for more essential structures. The present survey was precipitated by a near riot caused before one of Tokyo's leading theatres on February 11 when a "Manchurian" actress made a personal appearance.

ROBBED RAID DEAD

The prosecutor said it was "a horrible and disgusting case" when George Alfred Hobbs, a mortuary assistant, was charged in London recently with stealing a ring from the body of an air raid victim. Found in Hobbs' possession were two men's rings, three women's rings, ten £1 notes, two wrist watches.

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Huge Crowds

There were typical Derby Day scenes at the Happy Valley race-course this afternoon, when tens of thousands gathered inside the Valley to watch the Roto-Hill Derby on which was the 1,000,000 ticket sweep-stake, carrying a first prize of \$397,000.

By 2 o'clock the Valley was swarming with people, "like an ant hill," said the "Telegraph's" correspondent on the course. However, the crowd in the enclosures was not exceptionally big.

There was great excitement when it was known shortly after the ticket selling in the big sweepstake had closed, that the 1,000,000 mark had been reached. The excitement was increased when the draw for the sweep began at 1.30 p.m.

Big Dividend

Highlight of the morning events was the \$171,200 dividend paid out on Ciro's Racelight which won the Victoria Stakes in the fourth race. Mr. F. Noddy was the jockey.

The course during the day was soft, but not heavy. Overhead conditions were good, with the sun occasionally breaking through the clouds.

Results:
1.—ALBURY STAKES.—For Australian Subscription ponies of 1941. Winners barred. Jockey allowance. One and a quarter miles.

936 DYNASTY'S King's Flight 152 lb. (V. V. Needa) 1
057 LEE BROS' Lex Fox 152 lb. (M. M. Sokoloff) 2
051 C. H. CHAN'S Burke 140 lb. (C. B. Moller) 3

16 starters.
Won by four lengths; length and half.
Time—2:22.2.
Parimutuel—Winner \$14.60. Places \$6.20; \$3.70; \$3.00.

2.—RACING STAKES.—For China ponies, bona fide griffins of this Meeting. Winners barred. Jockey allowance. One mile.

074 LAN'S World Fair View 152 lb. (H. C. Pih) 1
070 MARBUR'S Father 152 lb. (L. B. Chao) 2
073 COLLENE'S Sam's Choice 150 lb. (C. B. Moller) 3

Won by many lengths; a head.
Time—1:59.3.
Parimutuel—Winner \$16.20. Places \$6.60; \$3.60; \$3.10.

3.—CHATER CUP.—Presented. For Australian ponies. Griffins of this meeting. From the 1½ mile post (about half mile 170 yards).

077 EU TONG SEN'S Fleetwing 152 lb. (H. C. Pih) 1
700 LAN'S Misty View 152 lb. (P. P. Botelho) 2
078 LAN'S Distant View 152 lb. (H. C. Pih) 3

Eight starters.
Won by five lengths; two lengths.
Time—2:01.1.
Parimutuel—Winner \$3.40. Places \$5.50; \$6.60; \$3.1.

4.—VICTORIA STAKES.—A Handicap for China ponies. One mile. 107 CIRE'S Racelight 152 lb. (F. Noddy) 1
105 EVE'S Eve of Harvest 152 lb. (W. H. S. Davis) 2
068 CIRE'S Spicelylight 153 lb. (C. B. Moller) 3

Seven starters.
Won by one length; length and half.
Time—1:54.
Parimutuel—Winner \$17.20. Places \$13.60; \$6.10; \$5.60.

5.—CANBELEGO HANDICAP.—For Australian subscription ponies classified "C" Class. Jockey allowance. One mile.

094 C. L. GREGORY'S Caterick Bridge 148 lb. (L. B. Chao) 1
103 T.K.L.'s Venus Bay 152 lb. (V. V. Needa) 2
098 E.S.K.'s Cheerful Star 154 lb. (L. B. Chao) 3

10 starters.
Won by half a length; one length.
Time—1:52.2.
Parimutuel—Winner \$53.10. Places \$10.00; \$6.50; \$5.90.

6.—ROYAL NAVY CUP.—Presented. For Australian subscription ponies of 1941. Winner of the Governor's Cup 7 lb. penalty. From the two mile post once round and in (about one mile 171 yards).

113 LEE CHI CHOW'S Returns 149 lb. (W. H. S. Davis) 1
110 C.C.F.'s Santa Anita 152 lb. (S. C. Liang) 2
116 LUCKY'S Sydney Lady 152 lb. (H. J. A. Hearne) 3

15 starters.
Won by length; two lengths.
Time—2:02.2.
Parimutuel—Winner \$21.20. Places \$7.60; \$5.00; \$4.50.

7.—CHEFOO HANDICAP.—For China ponies classified "D" Class. Jockey Allowance. From the two mile post once round and in (about one mile 171 yards).

124 EVE'S Eve of Peace 154 lb. (A. D. Coppin) 1
120 STANTON'S Royal Wedding Eve 150 lb. (M. M. Sokoloff) 2
14 starters.
Won by four lengths; two and half lengths.
Time—2:10.2.
Parimutuel—Winner \$13.50. Places \$6.20; \$4.00; \$3.10.

8.—ROOTY-HILL DERBY & SPORTS CLUB CUP.—A Cup presented by members of the Sports Club. For Australian subscription ponies of 1941. Ponies to be ridden by jockeys who have won at least 10 official flat races anywhere or jockeys approved by the Stewards. One and a half miles.

143 NECAN'S United Express 152 lb. 1
139 MRS CHONG'S Endeavour 152 lb. (C. B. Moller) 2
140 S. W. LEE'S Jus Gentium 150 lb. (M. M. Sokoloff) 3

11 starters.
Won by length & half; half a length.
Time—2:40.
Parimutuel—Winner \$13.20. Places \$6.80; \$4.20; \$3.50.

9.—Kara Kara Handicap.—For Australian subscription ponies of previous seasons. Winners at this meeting barred. Jockey allowance. Six furlongs.

150 VILAJA'S Victory 147 lb. (D. Black) 1
152 LAN'S Far View 150 lb. (H. C. Pih) 2
148 COCA'S Brown Derby 155 lb. (C. Treverton) 3

Won by head; short head.
Time—1:18.
Parimutuel—Winner \$42.00. Places \$7.50; \$3.70; \$3.50.

10.—AUSTRAL RACING STAKES.—For Australian ponies, Griffins of meeting. Winners barred. Jockey

GERMAN PRESSMEN REMOVED

The American Association of Foreign Press Correspondents has removed from its rolls two active members mentioned in the Dies Committee "White Paper" on un-American activities and has accepted the resignation as an associate member of Dr. Hans Borchers, German Consul General.

These developments were disclosed recently in the Association's official bulletin.

Fred Kreutzenstein, who had listed himself as correspondent for several Brazilian papers, was expelled. Dr. Herbert Gross, American correspondent for the "Nachrichten fuer Ausenhandel," official organ of the German Ministry of Economics, resigned under fire.

Both had been charged formally with "unprofessional conduct."

Chinese Uses Farm Refuse For Gasoline

A new synthetic gasoline, which eventually may help to solve China's acute transportation problem, has been discovered by Prof. Li Ki-wei, dean of the National Yunnan University. The gas is made of agricultural refuse and by-products.

During experiments Professor Li's fuel showed a serviceability 20 per cent. higher than natural gasoline. It is colourless, after bleaching, and has the same smell and specific gravity as gasoline. It has a lower ignition point, a higher British Thermal Unit, and is devoid of corrosive elements.

Professor Li estimates that his fuel can be produced at a cost of about \$8 or \$10 (Chinese) per gallon, whereas natural gasoline costs \$20 per gallon. The one real drawback seems to be that the new fuel takes a month to produce. Professor Li is seeking a new method of production which will enable manufacture in less time. To date the artificial fuel has not been produced commercially, but only in laboratories.

LATE NEWS

What R.A.F. Have Done To Berlin

NEW YORK, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—Damage done by the R.A.F. raids on Berlin includes the riddling of a small motor department of a large electrical plant in the city area, severe damage to a chemical plant, the temporary disruption of the street-car power system, and the hitting of a metropolitan railway.

This is revealed by an American correspondent who has just returned to New York from the German capital.

"News of the effects of the night bombardments spreads through Berlin like wildfire," he says. "It would be difficult for the authorities to conceal any important damage, even though very heavy penalties are attached to spreading such news."

"Psychologically the British scored a point when they began the raids on Berlin last August. Until that point Berliners generally believed that the British would never be able to touch the capital. The Nazis had told them so."

The correspondent adds that details of the bombing of other areas in Germany are a closely guarded military secret.

allowance. One and a quarter miles.
150 GREDNAKA'S Coloma 152 lb. (D. Black) 1
102 T.K.L.'s Oracle 149 lb. (V. V. Needa) 2
103 LAN'S Prairie View 152 lb. (H. C. Pih) 3

8 starters.
Won by short head; three lengths.
Time—2:10.2.
Parimutuel—Winner \$40.30. Places \$8.50; \$3.90; \$3.10.

11.—HOPEFUL STAKES.—For China Ponies, bona fide griffins of this meeting. Winners 7 lb. penalty. Jockey allowance. From the two mile post once round and in (about one mile 171 yards).

109 CIRE'S Velvetlight 150 lb. (F. Noddy) 1
103 MARBER 15 Charlesber 152 lb. (L. B. Chao) 2
109 CIRE'S Velvetlight 150 lb. (F. Noddy) 3

5 starters.
Won by short head; many lengths.
Time—2:10.4.
Parimutuel—Winner \$5.20. Places \$5.40; \$5.50.

12.—SANDRINGHAM PLATE.—For Australian subscription ponies of 1941. Winners barred. Six furlongs.
100 MI KWOK'S Maple Leaf 149 lb. 1
103 S.W.'s Optima Fide 152 lb. (M. M. Sokoloff) 2
175 S.K.'s Fresh Air 149 lb. (V. V. Needa) 3

25 starters.
Won by length & half; three lengths.
Time—1:50.2.
Parimutuel—Winner \$32.50. Places \$12; \$9.30; \$8.

Il Duce Tells Why Italians Losing

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000 soldiers and an enormous air force and artillery.

"The attitude of the German soldiers in Sicily and Libya is absolutely perfect, worthy of a great army and a great people."

The war strength of Germany had not diminished but increased. Her losses in men and material had been very small.

Mussolini's 10 points

Mussolini made these points: (1) Command was in the strong hands of the Fuehrer;

(2) German arms were infinitely superior to those of Britain;

(3) Almost the whole of Eastern Europe was against Britain;

(4) Unlike the war of 1914-18, the British blockade is valueless;

(5) The morale of the Axis peoples was superior to that of the British. The Axis is fighting for victory; Britain is fighting for survival. It is foolish to talk of a separate peace. It is impossible to weaken the morale of the Italian people despite the bombing of towns;

(6) Britain was alone and was calling for urgent help from America, but this help must arrive in such quantity that it surpasses the German strength;

(7) When Britain is conquered, the war would be finished;

(8) Italy is playing a major role. Her armaments are increasing daily, thanks to the sacrifices of the workers;

(9) Italy is proud of having dared to try her strength against Britain. Peoples become great when they have the courage to take risks;

(10) To conquer the Axis the British Armies must invade the Continent—"a step which no Briton would ever dream of."

Mussolini declared: "The intervention of the United States is founded on the illusion of being a democracy and also on lies of an invasion of America is fantastic and ridiculous."

He concluded by declaring that the Fascist Italian people deserve victory and would have it, for they are bearing with exemplary dignity the sacrifices asked of them. "Italy's will be the victory, and a peace with justice."

Italian Hired Hands

LONDON, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—Two hundred thousand Italian workers will arrive in Germany during the next few days, announced the German radio to-night.

This news was preceded by an announcement of the arrival in Berlin of Signor Capoferrri, Chief of the Fascist Labour Confederation.

The radio gave no indication of the nature of the work which the Italian visitors will do in Germany.

Ex-King Alfonso Reported Not Dead

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bassador to Britain, was expected at Lisbon to-day on his way to Rome, according to a Lisbon despatch to the "Havas" agency.

The Duke, an intimate friend of the late ex-King Alfonso, was hurrying to his bedside.

ROME, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—Cardinal Maglione, Papal Secretary of State, visited Alfonso in the afternoon, and they talked for some minutes. Alfonso, who received the visitor sitting in an armchair, conversed with perfect lucidity.

Amazing Resistance

ROME, Feb. 23 (UP).—Ex-King Alfonso continues to be in grave condition. Late this afternoon, he received the Spanish Royal Family.

It is revealed that Alfonso listened to Mussolini's speech over the radio.

The Secretary of State at the Vatican, Cardinal Maglione, visited Alfonso and conveyed the Pope's special benediction and personal regards.

The ex-King continued to be in a most critical condition but is amazing the doctors by his resistance.

Tunney Is Physical Director Of Airmen

James J. Tunney, former heavy weight champion and once a private in the Marine Corps, was commissioned recently as a Lieutenant Commander in the U.S. Naval Reserve.

He was ordered immediately to active duty as physical director and coordinator of physical education at Pensacola and Jacksonville, Fla., and Corpus Christi.

Compulsory Service Tribunal

It is hereby notified for general information that a public session of the Compulsory Service Tribunal will be held on Friday, February 28, at 9 a.m. in the Council Chamber, Colonial Secretariat.

BIRTH

CARROLL.—At the Queen Mary Hospital, on February 24, to Denise (nee Thomas), wife of R. A. Carroll, a son. Both well.

DEATH

ROZARIO.—At the St. Teresa's Hospital, on Sunday, February 23, 1941, at 10.15 a.m. Laurence Augusto do Rozario (Encho), aged 84, late of Messrs Neronha & Co. Funeral will leave Anderson's Funeral Parlour at 2.10 p.m. passing the Monument at 2.30 p.m. on Monday, February 24, 1941.

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STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued Saturday says: The feature of the market to-day was a sharp rise in Electric, as a result of the announcement made yesterday of a new issue of shares and a declaration of dividend.

Sellers
H.K. Govt. 3½% Loan (1934) 95
Hotels \$3.60
Trams \$17.75
Buyers
H.K. Govt. 3½% Loan (1934) 94.25
Union Ins: \$411
H.K. Fire Ins. \$170
Providents \$5.75
Lands 4% Debentures \$97.50
Trams \$17.50

An exhibition of Chinese paintings by Mr. Fong Yan-ling and several members of the Reform Club is being held on the second floor of St. Francis Hotel. The exhibition, which opened on Saturday, will be concluded at 8 o'clock this evening. Admission is free.

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